

LIFE Male STEAM Academy

2026–2027 Advanced English Summer Reading Assignments

Dear Scholars and Families,

To help scholars prepare for the rigor and expectations of our advanced English courses, summer reading assignments have been established for students enrolled in Honors and Advanced Placement English classes for the 2026–2027 school year.

These courses are designed to be academically challenging and require significant independent reading, writing, analysis, and critical thinking. It is essential that scholars meet the prerequisite requirements outlined below to ensure they are prepared for the pace and workload of these advanced courses.

Scholars and families should also note that all course materials, including syllabi, summer reading assignments, journal entry directions, rubrics, and additional course information, are available through the designated Google Classroom for each course.

Honors English II (10th Grade)

Prerequisite

Scholars must earn a minimum final average of:

- **85% in Honors English I, or**
- **87% in General English I**

Summer Reading Assignment

Choose **ONE** of the following novels:

- *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen
- *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley
- *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë
- *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding
- *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho
- *Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom
- *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles

Assignment Requirements

- Complete **six (6) journal entries**
- Include a minimum of **twelve (12) textual quotations** from the selected novel

Google Classroom

Class Code: **is6cze3s**

Honors English III (11th Grade)

Prerequisite

Scholars must earn a minimum final average of:

- **85% in Honors English II, or**
- **87% in General English II**

Summer Reading Assignment

Choose **ONE** of the following texts:

- *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne
- *Hamlet* by William Shakespeare
- *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel
- *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë
- *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller
- *Profiles in Courage* by John F. Kennedy

Assignment Requirements

- Complete **four (4) journal entries** based on the selected text

Google Classroom

Class Code: **dlw7vb2y**

AP English Language and Composition (11th Grade)

Prerequisite

Scholars must:

- Earn a minimum final average of **90% in Honors English II**
- Receive a **teacher recommendation**

Please note: AP English Language and Composition is a college-level course that requires exceptional reading, writing, analytical, and critical-thinking skills.

Summer Reading Assignment

Choose **TWO** of the following texts:

- *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne
- *Hamlet* by William Shakespeare
- *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel
- *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë
- *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller
- *Profiles in Courage* by John F. Kennedy

Assignment Requirements

- Complete **four (4) journal entries per book**
- Total of **eight (8) journal entries**

Google Classroom

Class Code: **hczeb3uf**

Important Information for Scholars and Families

Meeting the prerequisite requirements for Honors and AP English courses is critical to student success. These classes move at an accelerated pace and require a substantial amount of independent reading, writing, and academic engagement beyond what is expected in general education English courses.

Scholars who do not meet the established prerequisites should carefully consider whether they are prepared for the increased rigor and workload associated with these courses. Families are encouraged to consult with school staff if they have questions regarding course placement.

We look forward to supporting our scholars as they continue to grow as readers, writers, and critical thinkers throughout the 2026–2027 school year.

If you have any questions regarding course requirements or summer assignments, please contact the English Department (English Dept. Chair - Mrs. Tiffany Isel; tisel@lifesteam.org).

Sincerely,

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