
2026 Required Summer Reading | ENTERING 9th – 12th Grade

Entering 9th Grade

Required reading: Required Reading: Yousafzai, M.: I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban

Free copy: <https://archive.org/details/i-am-malala/page/n37/mode/2up>

Entering 10th Grade

Required reading: Required Reading: Fitzgerald, F. The Great Gatsby

Free Copy: <https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/64317>

Entering 11th Grade (this includes students enrolled in dual credit)

Required reading: Required Reading: Lee, H.: To Kill a Mockingbird

Free Copy:

<https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=YW5udXJpc2xhbWljb2Nob29sLm9yZ3xzaXN0ZXIta2F0ZWx5bnxneDo2NjVmZmE1NzNjNjc4NWM>

Entering 12th Grade (this includes students enrolled in dual credit)

Required reading: Required Reading: Shakespeare, W. (must read TWO – one comedy and one tragedy)

“Much Ado About Nothing” **OR** “A Midsummers Night Dream” **AND** “Hamlet” **OR** “King Lear”

Free copy <http://shakespeare.mit.edu/>

Students are to write an analysis, not a summary, of the events that occurred in the two writings you have chosen to read.

- > Use the guidelines provided to write your analysis.
- > Students may use additional source such as a newspaper, article, etc. to contribute to their thoughts.
- > Be sure to cite sources! Plagiarism will result in a failing grade.
- > The student must use MLA format, 12-point font (Times-News Roman), and 1" margins.
- > The length must between 400- 650 words. This will be counted as a summative grade. No late assignments will be accepted.

Resources:

<https://writingcenter.tamu.edu/search.html?q=how%20to%20write%20an%20analysis%20paper#qsc.tab=0&qsc.q=how%20to%20write%20an%20analysis%20paper&qsc.page=1>

<https://www.sparknotes.com/writinghelp/how-to-write-literary-analysis/>

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The Research is In!

Students who continue using IXL throughout the summer are more likely to maintain — and even improve — their fall assessment scores, including MAP results.

Read more about the research here: [IXL Summer Learning Research Blog](#)

Returning students will continue to have access to their IXL accounts all summer long. Just a little practice each week can make a big difference! Keep learning. Keep growing. Keep striving for excellence!