



St. John Paul II Catholic High School Summer Reading 2019-2020

English 12 Summer Reading Assignment 2019

You will choose your own book to read this summer. Your guidelines are as follows:

1. It cannot be a book you have read, or are reading, for any other class in this school. This rules out, for example, books such as *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *Huckleberry Finn*.
2. Your book may be **fiction or nonfiction**.
3. **Your book must have won or been nominated for a major literary prize.** I am including links to websites which have excellent lists of awards, but there are some not on these lists which you could find on your own. For example, the CASEY award is for the best baseball book written in a given year. If you are interested in reading something about a particular subject—such as baseball—just run a search for award-winning books on that subject.

There truly is something that each one of you should want to read. If you like science fiction and fantasy, you might look for books that have won the Nebula Award; fans of crime fiction would enjoy Dagger Award winners; and the Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award are given for both fiction and nonfiction.

<http://www.awardannals.com/v/Special:Awards> (Note: make sure you click on “Books” at the top of this web page.)

<http://www.us.penguinroup.com/static/pages/books/awardwinners.html>

4. **Your book must be an adult-level or YA book, not one that has won a children’s book award** (therefore, although the Newbery prize, for example, is indeed a major award, you are not allowed to read a Newbery winner for this project).
5. Please avoid “awards” that are clearly not major (such as a blogger’s “top ten” or those endless lists that pop up on amazon.com and Facebook newsfeeds).
6. Please choose a book that you and your family consider appropriate.
7. Bring your book and laptop on the first full day of class. You will be responding to a prompt based on your reading.
8. If you have questions about the suitability of your book choice, email me over the summer (kkay@jp2falcons.org).