

GOHS Level Summer Reading

*In Conroe ISD, we encourage **ALL** students to read over the summer in order to enrich learning and provoke thought. Summer reading strengthens reading skills, increases academic achievement, fosters a love for reading, and empowers students to become lifelong learners.*

ALL level incoming freshmen will choose at least one book from the [2021 TAYSHAS](#) list. This list is compiled each year by a committee of Texas teachers and librarians for the purpose of motivating young adults across the state to become lifelong readers. Many of these books contain serious, adult themes, so we are asking all parents to review the book before allowing the student to read it. If you would like to check the appropriateness of a book for your family, a great resource is [Common Sense Media](#).



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During the first week of school, your teachers will give you an assignment over your summer reading.

Our goals for this assignment are:

1. To establish a reading habit in the busy lives of high school students.
2. To alleviate the “summer slide” where students lose much of the progress they made during the school year by disengaging from academics for three months.
3. To have a piece of literature that students can refer back to for examples throughout the school year.

Although annotating is not a requirement, it can certainly be beneficial for completing the assignment. We suggest that you consider annotating for **characterization** using this [Google Doc](#).

Our hope is that students and parents alike will enjoy the pleasure of reading this summer. This is a great opportunity to choose a book of interest to you, try new genres, or read a book with family and/or friends. Most importantly, it is a time to validate and honor the reading choices your student makes throughout the summer. We are convinced that such reading will become its own reward and that our Grizzly Bears will be lifelong readers.

If you have any questions, please contact the school, and they will put you in touch with one of the 9th grade English teachers.

Thank you for your support,
GOHS 9th grade English Teachers