



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. Additionally, students who enroll in a College Prep, Honors, AP or Dual Credit English course are expected to engage in summer reading as it prepares students for the upcoming school year and creates an initial common framework for classroom discussion and instruction.

"What we know is that children who do not read in the summer lose two to three months of reading development while kids who do read tend to gain a month of reading proficiency..." Richard Allington, professor of literacy studies and past-president of the International Reading Association

We, in Conroe ISD, do maintain our belief in the power of reading for all students. In order to maintain reading skills and continue to grow a reading life, we encourage all students to continue reading over the summer.

In order to help students with text selections, individual campuses may provide suggestions of particular reading lists or specific genres to best transition into the beginning of the school year.

Dear Senior Students, Parents, and Guardians,

We are so excited to start the final school year for the Senior Class of 2023!

For the summer of 2022, students who are scheduled to take English IV or English IV College Prep for the 2022-2023 school year would benefit from tracking an event in the news throughout its duration:

- News Articles that deal with events of political, government, etc. related to the United States
- You may not use articles related to sports, entertainment, etc.
- Keep track of the same event as it develops starting June 6, 2022 ending August 5

As the story develops you will create a chronological timeline in a notebook or digitally. While this is not a grade, it will help you build a foundation so that you could reference your own reading in the future. Be prepared to discuss your event and how it unfolded throughout the summer. If you have any questions, please email jgriffith@conroeisd.net

Sincerely,

The English IV and English IV College Prep Team

Reliable Sources to use

[ABC News](#)

[CBS News](#)

[CNN](#)

[Fox News](#)

[KHOU 11](#)

[National Geographic News](#)

[NBC News](#)

[American History](#)

[AP](#)

Example of timeline

July 1, 2021: Bessemer Trust requests to resign from conservatorship

After hearing Britney's words, the wealth management company bowed out. "Petitioner has become aware that the Conservatee objects to the continuance of her Conservatorship and desires to terminate the Conservatorship," a court filing stated. "Petitioner has heard the Conservatee and respects her wishes."

July 6, 2021: Her court-appointed lawyer resigns

Though Ingham had worked with her for 13 years, he was assigned by the court and Britney expressed a desire to choose her own lawyer. He said he would step aside as soon as she had secured new representation. One possible reason was that she was unaware she could ask for the conservatorship to be over. "I didn't know I could petition the conservatorship to end it. I'm sorry for my ignorance, but I honestly didn't know that," Britney said, according to Newsweek.

July 14, 2021: Britney hires her own lawyer

A judge ruled that the pop star could hire her own lawyer, and she chose Mathew S. Rosengart, a former federal prosecutor and well-known Hollywood lawyer.

July 20, 2021: A Bipartisan FREE Act is introduced

Inspired by Britney's emotional testimony, Florida Democrat Charlie Crist and South Carolina Republican Nancy Mace of the House of Representatives introduced the FREE act, which stands for Freedom and Right to Emancipate from Exploitation Act, making it easier for people to ask a judge to replace a private guardian or conservator.

July 23, 2021: Britney asks for the conservatorship to end

Rosengart filed to end the conservatorship, calling it a "Kafkaesque nightmare" in the document.

August 9, 2021: A request to move up the hearing is denied

Judge Brenda Penny denied a request from Rosengart to move the hearing from September 29 to August 23.

August 12, 2021: Jamie Spears agrees to step down as conservator

In the biggest move yet in Britney's favor, her father agreed to step down as conservator, with no timeline in place. Yet he still didn't completely agree. "There are, in fact, no actual grounds for suspending or removing Mr. Spears as the Conservator of the Estate," court documents obtained by CNN stated. "It is highly debatable whether a change in conservator at this time would be in Ms. Spears' best interests." But he did agree to stepping back and acknowledged the public's pressure. "Nevertheless, even as Mr. Spears is the unremitting target of unjustified attacks, he does not believe that a public battle with his daughter over his continuing service as her conservator would be in her best interests," the documents said.

The following month, her father filed a petition to end the arrangement.