

ACHS Freshmen Honors Summer Reading 2021-22

All incoming Freshmen Honors students should read two books for summer reading. First, each student should read Ernest Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea*. Students should then pick one of the remaining selections from the list and read it. Students are encouraged to take notes on each of the books as they read. A sample note taking sheet is included. **Students should expect a quiz over the two books the first week of class**, so books should be read before then. **A project from the provided list should also be completed for each book and turned in on the first day of class.** Please email dcoble@acs.ac with any questions.

All students read:

1. *Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway is the story of a fisherman's struggle against nature and his own limitations. It is a Nobel Prize for Literature award recipient. This novel is short and relatively easy to read, but offers ample opportunity for analysis and practice of the skills that we will be refining throughout the class.

Pick one of the following:

2. *The Suffragist Playbook: Your Guide to Changing the World* by Lucinda Robb and Rebecca Roberts is a non-fiction guidebook to effecting social change by viewing the methods used by famous political activists who eventually secured the right to vote for women in the United States.
3. *We Should Hang Out Sometime* by Josh Sundquist is a nonfiction memoir. The author, who lost his leg to cancer at age 9, examines his unsuccessful attempts at early dating to look for a reason for his romantic troubles. This funny and insightful memoir deals with insecurity, fitting in, and the challenges we all face accepting ourselves and others.
4. *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi is a graphic novel autobiography that talks about her childhood and early adult years in Iran during and after the Islamic Revolution. This story shares themes of race, religion, and culture similar to that of *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

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Summer Reading Projects

Choose 2 projects (one for each book) from the list below:

1. Pick 3 characters from your book. Pick a “theme song” for each character. Write at least 50 words for each song explaining why you picked it to fit your character and why you think it was a good choice. Please include the lyrics of the song picked. Don’t forget to state the title and author of your song. Note: You can pick music that doesn’t have lyrics, just make sure to explain how it fits!
2. Pick at least 5 important scenes from the book and design a soundtrack for them. Be sure to include at least 50 words for each song detailing why you picked it to go with that scene.
3. Write a 5 paragraph essay tracing one of the important themes of your novel. Be sure to include proper formatting and quotes from the text.
4. Create a detailed, labeled diorama of one of the scenes from your book.
5. You are the creator of the newest theme park based on your book! Make a brochure including pictures, a map and descriptions of the rides and food you will be offering at your park!
6. Write a three page letter to one of the characters in your book. You can come at it from two ways, give your character advice, or write your character and tell him/her how much his/her story inspired you and what you got out of it.
7. Make a PowerPoint presentation about the book. The presentation should be at least 15 slides and should discuss the setting, the characters, the plot, and the theme.
8. Write a children’s book. Take the same theme and characters and make them simpler. Don’t forget illustrations!
9. Artistic response – make a painting, a woodcarving, stained glass, a sculpture, something with photography, or just about any other artistic expression. It needs to relate to the book somehow and have a lot of effort and time put into it. Include a paragraph explaining what artistic choices you have made to reflect aspects of the book.
10. Make a video reenacting at least 3 scenes from your book. Be sure to use props, action and dialogue from the book.
11. On a four foot (yes four) section of butcher paper, create a mural. It may display a scene or a theme or both or something else. Include symbols used in the novel. Show me a rough draft first please.
12. Create a newspaper that would be delivered to one of the characters in the novel you read. You can include want ads, advertisements, sports section, business, lifestyle, crossword puzzles, horoscopes, etc. Make sure to write three major stories and include graphics. Everything in your newspaper must relate to your book somehow.