

Salem Academy Department of English Outside Reading Requirements

1. During the summer holiday, all students and faculty will read *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros. Students will also read one book for their particular grade level/course. Additionally, during winter break and Jan Term, all students will read *one* additional book, which may be assigned. Assigned books are required reading.
2. Students may read *only* the book(s) listed for their particular grade level/course. They may not substitute other books, nor may they report on books from the list for another grade level. The only exception is if a student changes their schedule during the drop/add period at the start of fall semester and moves out of an Honors or AP English course.
3. All texts *must* be read in the English language.
4. Students must have finished reading their outside reading book(s) by the start of each semester.
5. Students should bring their summer reading book(s) to class at the start of the fall semester and should bring their winter reading work to class at the start of the spring semester.
6. All students will be evaluated on their book(s) during the first two weeks of the fall and spring semesters.
7. The English department at Salem Academy **does not** allow the use of literary supplements such as *Cliff's Notes*, *Pink Monkey*, *Spark Notes*, *Shmoop*, and so forth. These supplements are not permitted for any outside reading texts or for classroom texts read during the year in any English class, and use of these materials is a violation of the Salem Academy Honor Code.
8. **No outside sources** of any type are permitted for outside reading evaluations. Online book reviews, critical essays, or any other material written by someone else about your book choice gives you an unfair advantage over others, and use of these materials is a violation of the Salem Academy Honor Code.

English IV

For your Appalachian Literature course, you will read the following essays:

excerpts from *The Cherokee Removal: A Brief History with Documents*

<https://www.scpronet.com/modjiskaschool/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/cherokeeremoval.pdf>

“The Cherokee Removal through the Eyes of a Private Soldier” by John G. Burnett

<https://www.warrenhills.org/cms/lib/NJ01001092/Centricity/Domain/145/Cherokee%20Removal%20through%20Eyes%20of%20a%20Private%20Soldier.pdf>

excerpts from *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl, Written by Herself* by Harriet Jacobs

<https://amerautbiofa14.wiki.uml.edu/file/view/Excerpts+from+Incidents+in+the+Life+of+a+Slave+Girl+--+Jacobs.pdf>

For your English Renaissance class, you’ll read the following two essays:

Sir Francis Bacon, “Of Friendship” from *Essays* (1612, 1625)

Michel de Montaigne, “Of Cannibals” from *Essays* (1580, “Englished” by John Florio in 1603)

Photocopies of both are available from Dr. Clary.

Students will also read Salem Academy’s all school read, *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros.

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Austen	<i>Pride and Prejudice</i>
Diaz	<i>The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao</i>
Ellison	<i>Invisible Man</i>
Erdrich	<i>Plague of Doves</i>
Garcia Marquez	<i>One Hundred Years of Solitude</i>
Heller	<i>Catch-22</i>
Hurston	<i>Their Eyes Were Watching God</i>
Mitchell	<i>Cloud Atlas</i>
Tartt	<i>The Goldfinch</i>
Vonnegut	<i>Slaughterhouse Five</i>

Students must select one additional book from the outside reading list to read during Winter Break and Jan Term.