

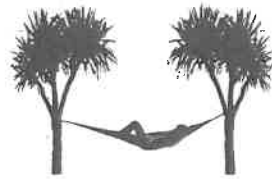


Sturgis West Summer Reading

All 9-11th graders are required to read at least one book from the reading list!

The book choices and a brief description of each are listed on the school website. Students, please fill out the Google Form shared with you to make your selection.

- The Black Flamingo by Dean Atta
- Born a Crime: Stories from South Africa by Trevor Noah
- Boy, Snow, Bird by Helen Oyeyemi
- Cajas de Carton by Francisco Jimenez
- Clap When you Land by Elizabeth Acevedo
- Cleopatra: A life by Stacy Schiff
- Dear Martin by Nic Stone
- Every Body Looking by Candice Lloh
- The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue by V.E. Schwab
- The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead
- On the Shortness of Life by Seneca
- One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez
- Pew by Catherine Lacey
- Poetry 180: A Turning Back to Poetry edited by Billy Collins



Happy Reading 😊

Dear Students and Parents,

Greetings from the English Department at Sturgis! We are once again following a community-based summer reading approach for the 2022-2023 academic year. Books are proposed by our faculty and staff across a spectrum of interests ranging from fiction to science.

Our primary goals are for students to enjoy reading and to begin the school year with a common discussion experience. To reach these goals, students will choose a book of their own interest from the list of choices proposed by Sturgis faculty and staff. Therefore, it is important that students in grades 9-11 select one book from the list provided. Students entering grade 12 do not have a summer reading requirement due to the expectation that they will be working on extended essays and CAS requirements over the summer.

During the opening days of school during our 2022-2023 academic year, students will be divided into small discussion groups according to the text they have chosen. Sturgis faculty and staff members will help facilitate a discussion in each group. There is no assessment connected to each discussion, although English teachers may assess students on their summer reading choice through a discussion, an in-class written response, or an oral presentation in their own classes.

In the spirit of intellectual and academic pursuit, it is expected that students will not use reading aids such as *Spark Notes* or merely watch any possible film versions of a text. It is also expected that students will not select a book which they have previously read and or studied.

You will find the list of books offered and a Google Form to indicate your reading choice on the Sturgis website: <https://www.sturgischarterschool.com/west-incoming-student/>

If you have questions regarding summer reading, please contact Abby Rhoads (arhoads@sturgischarterschool.org) if your child is attending Sturgis West or Bob Wojtowicz (bwojtowicz@sturgischarterschool.org) if your child is attending Sturgis East.

Enjoy the summer and enjoy your reading!

The 57 Bus by Dashka Slater
The Fountains of Silence by Ruta Sepetys
Free Speech: Why you Should Give a Damn by Jonathan Zimmerman
Girl on Fire by Alicia Keys
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot
An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States for Young People by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz
Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World that Can't Stop Talking by Susan Cain
The Total Money Makeover: Classic Edition By Dave Ramsey
Youth to Power: Your Voice and How to Use It by Jamie Margolin