

Sturgis Charter Public School

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Dear Students and Parents,

Greetings from the English Department at Sturgis Charter Public School which is taking a different approach to summer reading for the 2025-2026 academic year. Works were proposed by our academic and staff departments across a spectrum of interest.

Our primary goals are for students to enjoy reading and to begin the school year with a summer reading 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 entering grades 9-11 select one book from the list provided, and for returning students, please do not select the same book you chose last year if it reappears on this year's list. 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 one of the first advisory meetings of our 2025-2026 academic year, students in grades 9 through 11 will discuss their summer reading while Sturgis faculty and staff advisors help facilitate a discussion in each group. There is no assessment connected to each advisory discussion although English teachers will have students complete a diagnostic about their summer reading choice through an in-class written response.

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 the title they choose.

If you have questions regarding summer reading, please contact one of the following lead teachers:

Jolanda Ferguson (jferguson@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!

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The link for East's summer reading list is [here](#).

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