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## Summer Reading 2019 for English Classes

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Read one book this summer--a book you have NOT read previously. (Honors English students have separate instructions.)

The book needs to be appropriate for your grade and reading level, a challenge rather than easy and boring. By all means, find something you will enjoy reading. Along the way, check with your parents, librarians, or teachers to make sure the books are appropriate for you in content.

## The Hunt for Books Worth Reading

### Authors

If you read one book and enjoyed it, chances are you might appreciate another book by the same author. Try one.

### Biography and Autobiography

Perhaps you like books about real people and real events. Find a book about a truly interesting person. For ideas, go to the Academy of Achievement at [www.achievement.org](http://www.achievement.org). Then do a library search of that person as "subject." Again, librarians are rich sources of information and assistance.

### Fiction in Your Flavor

Maybe you enjoy new books. How about "2019 Best Fiction for Young Adults"? Each book has a helpful two-sentence description. It's at <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/2019-best-fiction-young-adults>.

Would an app be helpful? Find a free one at

<<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/products/teenbookfinder>>. It is called the YALSA's Teen Book Finder App & Database.

<http://www.booklistreader.com/> Here find trailers, descriptions, book covers, and audiobook information.

Look online for lists of the type of book you enjoy reading. There are lists of mysteries, westerns, suspense, fantasy, science fiction, and many other categories. Libraries offer free apps such as **Hoopla** and **Libby**. You can check out ebooks and audiobooks without leaving your house. <https://southworthlibrary.org/>

## Nonfiction

Locate books on topics that interest you, people who intrigue you, or events that baffle you. One source is through YALSA at <<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/nonfiction-award>>.

## Books for the College-Bound Student

Locate books in a general list for the college-bound student or look in lists arranged by category. Find lists for science and technology, social sciences, arts and humanities, history and cultures, or literature and language arts.

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/booklistsawards/booklists/>

<https://www.npr.org/sections/ed/2017/06/30/534458892/the-books-college-kids-are-reading-this-summer>  
[www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/recommended-college-bound/](http://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/recommended-college-bound/)

<https://www.nytimes.com/books/best-sellers/young-adult/>

[http://www.lakeholcombe.k12.wi.us/uploads/1/0/4/0/10408064/college\\_boustnd\\_recommended\\_reading.pdf](http://www.lakeholcombe.k12.wi.us/uploads/1/0/4/0/10408064/college_boustnd_recommended_reading.pdf)

On the internet, you will find many such lists.

## The Great American Read

Last year PBS urged us to “explore the 100 most-loved novels in America with The Great American Read.” Find out about books described by famous people who love them. Then see the books Americans voted as the best.

[https://ny.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/great-american-read/?utm\\_source=PBSEDU&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=summerreading\\_2018#.WyqIZFVKjcs](https://ny.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/great-american-read/?utm_source=PBSEDU&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=summerreading_2018#.WyqIZFVKjcs)

## In General



The Young Adult Book Services, YALSA, has all sorts of book lists. That includes lists of interesting new books, as rated by other teenagers.

Look for books recommended by the ALA, the American Library Association or other organizations that you trust.

**Parents:** Find an informative brochure at <<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/sites/ala.org.yalsa/files/content/professionaltools/Handouts/ParentFlyer.pdf>>.

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