

## Honors English 2


### 2024 Summer Reading Assignment




To prepare for Honors English 2, you will read and annotate **ONE** of the novels listed below. There are four options. Do **NOT** choose a text that you have previously read for pleasure or for a classroom assignment.

**You will use your selected text throughout the first semester, and it needs to be annotated. For these reasons, we recommend that you purchase this book rather than borrow it from the library. If you are unable to purchase this book, please contact Mr. Doman, the English department chair, at [mdoman@naperville203.org](mailto:mdoman@naperville203.org).**

As you read, focus on how the author:

1. develops various themes and to what effect.
2. expresses and uses their craft (diction, literary elements, etc. )
3. conveys a wider world message that transcends the story.
4. leaves you pondering specific, significant quotes.

Texts	Considerations & Information (Source: Amazon.com)
<p><b>Option #1</b></p> 	<p><i>On an unnamed island, objects are disappearing: first hats, then ribbons, birds, roses. . . . Most of the inhabitants are oblivious to these changes, while those few able to recall the lost objects live in fear of the draconian Memory Police, who are committed to ensuring that what has disappeared remains forgotten. When a young writer discovers that her editor is in danger, she concocts a plan to hide him beneath her floorboards, and together they cling to her writing as the last way of preserving the past. Powerful and provocative, <b>The Memory Police</b> is a stunning novel about the trauma of loss.</i></p>

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<p><b>Option #2</b></p> 	<p>Born a generation apart and with very different ideas about love and family, Mariam and Laila are two women brought jarringly together by war, by loss and by fate. As they endure the ever escalating dangers around them-in their home as well as in the streets of Kabul-they come to form a bond that makes them both sisters and mother-daughter to each other, and that will ultimately alter the course not just of their own lives but of the next generation. With heart-wrenching power and suspense, <b>A Thousand Splendid Suns</b> shows how a woman's love for her family can move her to shocking and heroic acts of self-sacrifice, and that in the end it is love, or even the memory of love, that is often the key to survival.</p>
<p><b>Option #3</b></p> 	<p>In <b>Ordinary People</b>, Judith Guest's remarkable first novel, the Jarrets are a typical American family. Calvin is a determined, successful provider and Beth an organized, efficient wife. They had two sons, Conrad and Buck, but now they have one. In this memorable, moving novel, Judith Guest takes the reader into their lives to share their misunderstandings, pain, and ultimate healing. Ordinary People is an extraordinary novel about an "ordinary" family divided by pain, yet bound by their struggle to heal.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> This novel revolves around a young man's attempted suicide.</p> <p><b>Due to the presence of potential triggers, students should discuss this text with parents/guardians before selecting it.</b></p>
<p><b>Option #4</b></p> 	<p>Separated as girls, sisters Celie and Nettie sustain their loyalty to and hope in each other across time, distance and silence. Through a series of letters spanning twenty years, first from Celie to God, then the sisters to each other despite the unknown, the novel draws readers into its rich and memorable portrayals of Celie, Nettie, Shug Avery and Sofia and their experience. <b>The Color Purple</b> broke the silence around domestic and sexual abuse, narrating the lives of women through their pain and struggle, companionship and growth, resilience and bravery. Deeply compassionate and beautifully imagined, Alice Walker's epic carries readers on a spirit-affirming journey towards redemption and love.</p> <p><b>Due to sensitive subject matter and themes, racially charged language, and mature situations, students should discuss this text with parents/guardians before selecting it.</b></p>

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