



Summer 2021 Reading Assignments for American Literature Students (College Prep & Honors)

Students will read two selections (one fiction and one nonfiction) in preparation for the 2021-22 academic year

Select ONE of the works of FICTION:

- **The Handmaid's Tale* (Margaret Atwood)
- *Fences* (August Wilson)
- *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents* (Julia Alvarez)

**Important Note: In the setting of Atwood's dystopian novel, the fundamentalist regime treats many women as property of the state and forces them into sexual servitude to repopulate after the birth rate drastically decreases. This may be a trigger for some students.*

Select ONE of the works of NONFICTION:

- *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* (Rebecca Skoot)
- *Into the Wild* (Jon Krakauer)
- *Four Hundred Souls* (Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha N. Blain)

Students may purchase or borrow a copy of the texts from the public library or access them digitally. Most are available as PDFs online.

Assessments:

We will discuss the **summative (culminating) assessment** during the first week of classes. While reading, students must complete a They Say, I Say table for each of the texts selected (**formative assessment**). Please include 8-10 entries in the table for each of the texts selected. Follow the formatting below:

They Say Significant Passage from the Text	I Say Your Response, Reaction, Interpretation, Analysis, or Connection to That Significant Passage

If you have questions prior to scheduling, please email the American Literature team leader Mr. McPhail at Dandra.McPhail@atlanta.k12.ga.us. Once your student is assigned a teacher, please communicate with him or her directly.