

TCA 2019 Upper School Summer Reading

Grade Level/Course	Reading Assignment
6 th grade	<i>Soul Surfer</i> by Bethany Hamilton (Biography)
7 th grade	<i>Tuck Everlasting</i> by Natalie Babbitt (Modern Fiction)
8 th grade	<i>Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story</i> by Ben Carson, M.D. (Biography)
English 9	<i>The Noticer</i> by Andy Andrews (Modern Christian Fiction)
English 9 Honors	<i>The Noticer</i> by Andy Andrews (Modern Christian Fiction) and <i>The Outsiders</i> by S.E. Hinton (Modern Fiction)
English 10	<i>Castaway Kid</i> by R.B. Mitchell (Modern Christian Non-fiction)
English 10 Honors	<i>Castaway Kid</i> by R.B. Mitchell (Modern Christian Non-fiction) and <i>The Alchemist</i> by Paulo Coelho (Modern International Fiction)
English 11	<i>Same Kind of Different as Me</i> by Ron Hall and Denver Moore (Modern Non-fiction)
English 11 Honors	<i>Same Kind of Different as Me</i> by Ron Hall and Denver Moore (Modern Non-fiction) and <i>The Great Gatsby</i> by F. Scott Fitzgerald (Classic American Fiction)
All Seniors	<i>Educated</i> by Tara Westover (Modern American Memoir)

Objectives of Summer Reading:

- ✓ To encourage and continue the reading/learning process
- ✓ To provide common talking and writing points in academic classes
- ✓ To promote critical thinking and spiritual reflection

Notes: Students are to bring summer reading books to English class on the first day of school in the fall. Kindle / E-books are acceptable, but hard copies are preferable. **Honors classes** can expect to have a **project** related to their additional book to be completed before returning to school. This assignment will be mailed to their TCA-issued e-mail address.

Reviews of some of the books on this list can be found at <http://www.pluggedin.com/> and <https://www.commonensemedia.org/book-reviews>.

Any questions regarding these novels can be directed to the English Department Chair, Ms. Wynn, at sharon.wynn@mytcalions.com.

