

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)
College Prep 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.

Students who will be taking Dual Enrollment English are encouraged to read the senior selection but are not required to.

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.

