



# BRENTWOOD ACADEMY

## Summer Reading List 2020: 11<sup>th</sup> Grade British Literature and Composition (Standard)

### A Rationale for Summer Reading

- To generate interest and pleasure in reading that enriches literary and philosophical experience
- To use time not available during the school year to read classics that expand cultural literacy
- To prepare for thoughtful discussion and writing beginning the first day of class
- To encourage a lifelong love of reading

**Required Texts**      *Note: It is important that you purchase the edition indicated by the ISBN.*

- *1984*      George Orwell      ISBN: 9780451524935 (Signet Edition)

Winston, the main character, finds himself desiring to rebel against his controlling government in this futuristic novel. As he develops a forbidden relationship with his comrade Julia, he discovers how far he will go in his quest for individuality and freedom, risking a forceful response from the government.

- *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society*      Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows  
ISBN (actually listed as ASIN) : B00E32507O

This book takes place soon after WWII and tells the story of a writer from England who connects with a community on the island of Guernsey, recently occupied by Germany during the war. She exchanges letters with a man in that community and ends up going to meet him in person, resulting in a dramatically impactful experience.

### Required Text General Instruction/Evaluation

Students will be assigned a test, journal entries, the first essay of the school year, and will participate in seminar over *1984* during the first weeks of the school year.

***Please remember the BA English Department policy:  
Do not consult internet novel guides, any other electronic or printed summaries, or movies;  
read the texts themselves.***