



BRENTWOOD ACADEMY

Summer Reading List 2021: 11th 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

Student assessment will include a test, journal entries, an essay, and seminars 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.***