



BRENTWOOD ACADEMY

Summer Reading List 2021: 12th Grade World Literature and Composition (Honors)

“If we encounter a man of rare intellect, we should ask him what books he reads.”

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

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

East of Eden

John Steinbeck

ISBN: 978-0-14-018639-0

Death of a Salesman

Arthur Miller

ISBN: 978-0-14-048134-1

General Instructions/Evaluations

- As you read, make notes or comments on important ideas, events, and characters. These notes will help you prepare for class discussion, tests, and in-class writing assignments at the beginning of the school year.
- Summer reading assessments will be given the first week of school and will include tests, journals, and essays.
- Assessment over *Death of a Salesman* will be given on the first day of class.
- Assessment over *East of Eden* will be given on the second and third day of class.

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.