

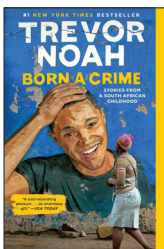


# SMOKY HILL SUMMER READING

## REQUIRED HONORS/AP/IB SUMMER READING

### 9TH GRADE TITLES:

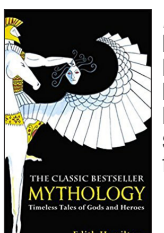
#### IB MYP 9:



#### ***Born A Crime* by Trevor Noah**

Trevor Noah's unlikely path from apartheid South Africa to the desk of *The Daily Show* began with a criminal act: his birth. Trevor was born to a white Swiss father and a black Xhosa mother at a time when such a union was punishable by five years in prison. Living proof of his parents' indiscretion, Trevor was kept mostly indoors for the earliest years of his life, bound by the extreme and often absurd measures his mother took to hide him from a government that could, at any moment, steal him away.

#### HONORS 9:



#### ***Mythology: Timeless Tales of Gods & Heroes* by Edith Hamilton (Parts I & II ONLY)**

Edith Hamilton's mythology succeeds like no other book in bringing to life for the modern reader the Greek, Roman, and Norse myths that are the keystone of Western culture—the stories of gods and heroes that have inspired human creativity from antiquity to the present.

### 10TH GRADE TITLES:

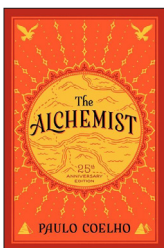
#### IB MYP 10:



#### ***Into The Wild* by Jon Krakauer**

In April 1992, a young man from a well-to-do family hitchhiked to Alaska and walked alone into the wilderness north of Mt. McKinley. His name was Christopher Johnson McCandless. He had given \$25,000 in savings to charity, abandoned his car and most of his possessions, burned all the cash in his wallet, and invented a new life for himself. Four months later, his decomposed body was found by a moose hunter.

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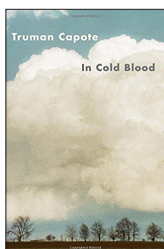


#### ***The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho**

Paulo Coelho's masterpiece tells the mystical story of Santiago, an Andalusian shepherd boy who yearns to travel in search of a worldly treasure. His quest will lead him to riches far different—and far more satisfying—than he ever imagined. Santiago's journey teaches us about the essential wisdom of listening to our hearts, of recognizing opportunity and learning to read the omens strewn along life's path, and, most importantly, to follow our dreams.

### 11TH GRADE TITLES:

#### IB DP 11:



#### ***In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote**

On November 15, 1959, in the small town of Holcomb, Kansas, four members of the Clutter family were savagely murdered by blasts from a shotgun held a few inches from their faces. There was no apparent motive for the crime, and there were almost no clues. As Truman Capote reconstructs the murder and the investigation that led to the capture, trial, and execution of the killers, he generates both mesmerizing suspense and astonishing empathy.

### 11TH GRADE TITLES (CONTINUED):

#### AMERICAN LITERATURE HONORS:

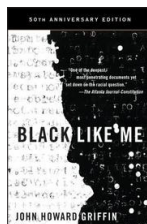


#### ***The Crucible* by Arthur Miller**

Inspired by the McCarthy hearings of the 1950s, Arthur Miller's play, *The Crucible*, focuses on the inconsistencies of the Salem witch trials and the extreme behavior that can result from dark desires and hidden agendas.

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT TITLES:

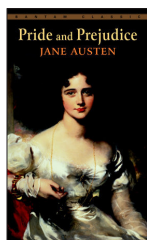
#### AP LANGUAGE:



#### ***Black Like Me* by John Howard Griffin**

On October 28, 1959, John Howard Griffin underwent a transformation that changed many lives beyond his own—he made his skin black and traveled through the segregated Deep South. His odyssey of discovery was captured in journal entries, arguably the single most important documentation of 20th-century American racism ever written.

#### AP LITERATURE (CHOOSE ONE):



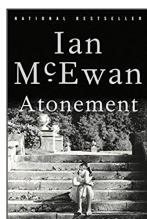
#### ***Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen**

Few have failed to be charmed by the witty and independent spirit of Elizabeth Bennet in Austen's beloved classic *Pride and Prejudice*. When Elizabeth Bennet first meets eligible bachelor Fitzwilliam Darcy, she thinks him arrogant and conceited; he is indifferent to her good looks and lively mind.



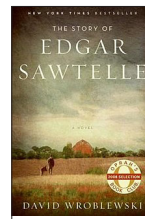
#### ***The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood**

Set in the near future, it describes life in what was once the United States and is now called the Republic of Gilead, a monotheocracy that has reacted to social unrest and a sharply declining birthrate by reverting to, and going beyond, the repressive intolerance of the original Puritans.



#### ***Atonement* by Ian McEwan**

On the hottest day of the summer of 1935, thirteen-year-old Briony Tallis sees her older sister Cecilia strip off her clothes and plunge into the fountain in the garden of their country house. Watching Cecilia is their housekeeper's son Robbie Turner, a childhood friend who, along with Briony's sister, has recently graduated from Cambridge.



#### ***The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski**

Born mute, speaking only in sign, Edgar Sawtelle leads an idyllic life with his parents on their farm in remote northern Wisconsin. But with the unexpected return of Claude, Edgar's paternal uncle, turmoil consumes the Sawtelles' once peaceful home. When Edgar's father dies suddenly, Claude insinuates himself into the life of the farm—and into Edgar's mother's affections.

### 12TH GRADE TITLES:

#### IB DP 12:



#### **A SELECTION OF WORKS**

A selection of required reading is available on Schoology in the SHHS IB Students' Group. Please log on after May 17 to read on line or download the required reading.