

## King English Department: Upper School Summer Reading 2023- 2024

### Summer Reading

Over the summer, all US students will read one required book and one book of their choosing. The books below have been carefully selected by the English Department to reflect the themes of each respective course. The required books are intended to introduce students to the themes and structures that will be reinforced in the fall and throughout the year. King will provide all required reading books; families will need to borrow choice books from a local library or purchase them. In the first few days of the 2023-2024 school year, students can expect to be assessed on the required summer reading book. Each classroom teacher will provide specific, grade-appropriate instruction once classes begin.

### List of Required Texts, Grades 9 - 12

#### Entering Grade 9

- **105: Fundamentals of Literary Study and Composition**
  - *The House in the Cerulean Sea*, by TJ Klune

#### Entering Grade 10

- **201: Writing about Literature The House in the Cerulean Sea**
  - *City Under One Roof*, by Iris Yamashita
- **200: Writing about Literature, Honors**
  - *Mrs. Caliban*, by Rachel Ingalls

#### Entering Grade 11

- **301: American Studies**
  - *Everything I Never Told You*, by Celeste Ng
  - **300: Honors American Literature**
    - *Such a Fun Age*, by Kiley Reid
- **350: AS American Language and Literature**
  - *Educated* by Tara Westover

#### Entering Grade 12

- **520: AS Persuasive Writing**
  - *The River*, by Peter Heller
  - **500: AP Literature**
    - *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood

#### Grade 12, Senior Electives

- **The Politics of Fear**
  - *This is Not a Test: A Novel* by Courtney Summers
  - **Family Ties: Is Blood Thicker than Water?**
    - *Dash and Lily's Book of Dares* by Rachel Cohn and David Levithan
- **Belief, Belonging, and Betrayal: Cults, Real and Imagined**
  - *The Lightness*, by Emily Temple
- **Good Guys, Bad Guys, and the Anti-Hero**
  - *My Sister, The Serial Killer*, by Oyinkan Braithwaite
- **Graphic Novels: The Power of the Image**
  - *Ms. Marvel: No Normal*, by Wilson, Alphonso, and Herring