

## King English Department: Upper School Summer Reading 2024- 2025

### 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 2024-2025 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**
  - *Gods of Jade and Shadow* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

#### Entering Grade 10

- **201: Writing about Literature The House in the Cerulean Sea**
  - *The Maid* by Nita Prose
- **200: Writing about Literature, Honors**
  - *Mrs. Caliban* by Rachel Ingalls

#### Entering Grade 11

- **301: American Studies**
  - *Yellowface* by R. F. Kuang
- **300: Honors American Literature**
  - *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin
- **350: AS American Language and Literature**
  - *Educated* by Tara Westover

#### Entering Grade 12

- **400: Advanced Literary Studies Honors**
  - *Transcendent Kingdom* by Yaa Gyasi
- **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
- **Black Voices: From the Harlem Renaissance to Beyonce's Renaissance**
  - *More than Enough* by Elaine Welteroth
- **Graphic Novels: The Power of the Image**
  - *Anya's Ghost* by Vera Brosgal