

Dear Students and Parents,

At Sparta High School we are committed to literacy and fostering a love of reading. We know that the best way to help you, our students, grow as readers is to offer you independence in your reading selections. Choice often encourages more reading once students find a topic, series, or author they love. During the school year teachers often make the choices for students, selecting works that are challenging or require the guidance and support of the teacher who is presenting layers of analysis through the novel or nonfiction pieces.

But during the summer, we want you to have a greater voice in your reading. Your teachers across all disciplines who engage in reading as a regular pastime want to be a part of the process and have volunteered to lead a discussion about a book that they have offered to share. Ranging from fantasy to sports nonfiction to self-help to historical fiction and beyond, the options reach across all genres. There really is something for everyone!

Each student at Sparta High School will select one book from the list linked below to read over the summer and join a book chat about it in September. We hope you enjoy your selection (and if not, pick another one!) and we look forward to chatting about it in the fall!

Book Choices: [SHS Summer Reading Recommendations 2016](#)

Make your selection here by **JUNE 15**: [SHS Summer Reading Selection Form](#)

IN ADDITION, if you are a student in **English 9 or 10 Honors, AP Language (11), or are an incoming 12th grader**, see additional reading assignments here:

[English Honors/AP/12 Summer Reading](#)

All CP Seniors will have an additional reading assignment specific to the English 12 course you are taking. Please check your schedule to know which class and, therefore, which text you need to read for September.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Hassenplug at mary.hassenplug@sparta.org.

Have a great summer,

Ms. Hassenplug
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