



Garces Memorial High School

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Senior Summer Reading List AY 2025-26

All students enrolled in English 12 (DE) **MUST** read **Their Eyes Were Watching God** by Zora Neale Hurston **PLUS** two books of their choosing from the selection below.

Choose **TWO** of the following books to read over summer. Come prepared to take the reading tests on the first day back to school.

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon †

Christopher Boone is autistic. He knows the capitals of all the countries of the world, he loves math, but hates the color yellow. So when Christopher finds his neighbor's dog murdered, he takes it upon himself to put his keen logic (but poor social skills) to the test. What he solves is more than just a crime.

Timeline by Michael Crichton

Famed author of *Jurassic Park* blends quantum technology and medieval history to create a fast-paced, sci-fi adventure novel that looks forward as much as it looks back. In this time-bending story, a team of history students travel back in time to feudal France to rescue their professor, but as with all time travel narratives, getting back is only half the battle.

The Hound of the Baskervilles by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

The infamous Sherlock Holmes and his sidekick Dr. Watson are once again faced with a baffling case that only Sherlock's legendary skills of deduction can solve. This time, however, what Sherlock faces isn't human; in fact, it might not even be real.

The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde

When Algernon's best friend, John Worthing (known as Ernest), comes to propose to Algernon's cousin, a farcical plot of mistaken identities unfolds. This play is a "trivial comedy for serious people" – replete with witty dialogue and the enduring struggle to remain true to one's self – to remain, indeed, "earnest."

The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson †

When the good-natured Dr. Jekyll becomes associated with the evil Mr. Hyde, friends begin to fear for the doctor's safety. As murderous crimes are linked to Mr. Hyde, Dr. Jekyll tries to dissolve his relationship with his sinister friend – but dissolving this relationship will be more difficult than the good doctor imagines.

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

In an attempt to bridge the divide between life and death, Victor Frankenstein creates a grotesque monster that terrorizes a village. This is a classic horror story, filled with eerie castles and supernatural events – but it is equally a warning against the dehumanization of art and the corrupting influence of science. If monsters walk among us, sometimes they are the monsters of our own creation!

Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie

Just after midnight, the famous Orient Express is stopped in its tracks by a snowdrift. By morning, the millionaire Samuel Ratchett lies dead in his compartment, stabbed a dozen times, his door locked from the inside. One of his fellow passengers must be the murderer. See how Hercule Poirot solves the case.

The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood

This is a fable of the near future. Here women are strictly controlled, unable to have jobs or money and assigned to various classes: the chaste, childless Wives; the housekeeping Marthas; and the reproductive Handmaids, who turn their offspring over to the "morally fit" Wives. One Handmaid will resist, but will she survive?