

High school English students at River Oaks are required to read at least two books over the summer. Honors will read at least three. First, each grade has a required text, which will be used as the basis for a **diagnostic essay** when students return:

9th Grade – *To Kill A Mockingbird* (Lee)

10th Grade – *The Great Gatsby* (Fitzgerald)

11th Grade – *A Study In Scarlet* (Doyle)

12th Grade – *Bayou Farewell* (Tidwell)

The additional books (*one* for non-honors and *two* for honors/AP) are chosen by the students, with the parents' approval. Students are required to write (and type) a report on each additional book, based on the format below:

Last Name #
Your Name
Your Teacher
Name of Course
Date (day month year)
Title of Book (centered)
<p>The first line of each paragraph should be indented one tab space. The introduction for this paper is used to provide a "book-jacket" summary. Don't use someone else's work as your own; that's called plagiarism, and it earns you a zero. In your own words, write a 100-word synopsis of the key elements of the story.</p> <p>The purpose of the second paragraph is to highlight an important quote from the novel. Begin by establishing the context for the quote, and then introduce the quote using a signal phrase. Follow the quote with a parenthetical citation (page number). Then, explain why the quote is important.</p> <p>In the third paragraph, write a 100-word review of the novel. Rate the novel and explain why you do or do not recommend this book to your peers. Be specific when offering your praise and/or criticism. Feel free to compare the book to other books and films.</p>

The summer reading list below is for those entering grades 6th-8th. Each student **will take a test** on the required book upon returning to school:

- 6th Grade – *From The Mix-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* (Konigsburg)
- 7th Grade – *The Cay* (Taylor)
- 8th Grade – *Across Five Aprils* (Hunt)

Of course, **ALL** students are encouraged to continue to read throughout the summer. There are several resources locally and online (such as the Ouachita Public Library) that have suggestions for a variety of reading levels and tastes. We hope you all have a great summer!