

## English Summer Required Reading Books for 2024-2025

This is required reading for all grades in English Literature classes for Fall 2024-2025. Students should read the text prior to the beginning of school and be prepared to begin instruction based upon the text. (Reading additional texts from the “free choice list” is optional, only ONE book is required for each grade level, but of course, additional reading for pleasure during the summer is highly encouraged!)

Students in grades 5 through 8 may check out a copy of the required text from the Dallas International School Waterview library, but it is recommended that they purchase their own copy in which they may choose to annotate. Grades 9 through 12 are required to purchase their own copy of the text, annotating while reading is recommended. All books can be purchased on Amazon.com or elsewhere. (Please note that the FB and IB/pre-IB students will be reading the same text for these summer assignments.) Should you have further questions you may contact the English Department Head.  
[dvernon@dallasinternationalschool.org](mailto:dvernon@dallasinternationalschool.org)

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

*The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

*The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan

### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

*A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park

### **8<sup>th</sup> grade**

*To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

### **9<sup>th</sup> FB/Pre-IB**

*1984* by George Orwell

### **10<sup>th</sup> FB/Pre-IB**

*A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway

### **11 FB/IB**

*Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight* by Alexandra Fuller

Biographical info to read (or listen to) first:

<https://lithub.com/alexandra-fuller-on-growing-up-in-a-racist-family/>

Students will be writing an essay over this text at the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year, as it is part of the IB and/orFB curriculum. It is imperative to their incoming course grade that all students have the book read prior to the start of school.

### **12<sup>th</sup> FB/IB**

*Hamlet* by William Shakespeare

Students will be writing an essay over this text at the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year, as it is part of the IB/FB curriculum. It is imperative to their incoming course grade that all students have the book read prior to the start of school.