

## 2023 Summer Reading Notification to Incoming Freshman Students

As part of the summer reading program at Bishop England High School, each freshman enrolled in English I is required to read one book over the summer. Students are responsible for securing the books (unabridged editions). Students must read the selection that is listed for their **level of English I (Honors, AI, or AII).**

### **Honors English I: \*Students must read both books.**

- *Till We Have Faces: A Myth Retold* by C.S. Lewis
- *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* by Christy Lefteri\* (see letter below from the instructor, Mrs. Davis)

Dear Parents, (regarding the *The Beekeeper of Aleppo*)

I am looking forward to teaching your sons and daughters in Honors English next school year!

One of the summer reading books – Christy Lefteri’s *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* – is a beautiful, yet painful, story of Syrian refugees seeking asylum during the Syrian refugee crisis. Given the current ongoing conflict in Ukraine, it seemed important and valuable to read a story that tells the experience of a modern refugee. While the book does touch on some sensitive topics, including the death of the narrator’s son and the sexual assault of his wife, there is no vulgar language or graphic material in this book. The trauma of these experiences becomes a point of reflection for the narrator, especially towards the end of the novel, but in the end both the narrator and his wife are able to find hope once more. In the Author’s Note at the end of the book, Lefteri says that her goal was “to set forth the idea that among profound, unspeakable loss, humans can still find love and light – and see one another.” Ultimately, this book is a testament to the resilience of the human spirit. Have a wonderful summer!

Christina Davis

**AI English I:** *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* by Mitch Albom

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**Students will be assessed on the summer reading book within the first two weeks of school. The summer reading assessment is a major grade, which will have significant impact on the first quarter average. Additional writing assignments may be given in the English class on the book assigned for that class. Students are strongly encouraged to take notes on the book as they read. Students are more likely to recall the details of the summer reading books if they read them during the latter half of the summer.**

**Required summer reading should never conflict with the parents’ right to censor their child’s reading material. If a parent prefers an alternate selection because of the content of any of the selections above, he or she should contact Nancy Heath, 843-849-9599, ext. 129. Freshmen who are NOT enrolled in English I do not have summer reading.**

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## 2023 Summer Reading Notification to Rising Sophomores

As part of the summer reading program at Bishop England High School, each sophomore is required to read one or two books over the summer, as indicated below. Students are responsible for securing the books (unabridged editions). Students must read the selection that is listed for **their level of English II (Honors, AI, or AII).**

**Honors English II: \*Students must read both books.**

- *All Quiet on the Western Front* by Erich Maria Remarque
- *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

**AI English II:** *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

**AII English II:** *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

Students will be assessed on all summer reading books within the first two weeks of school. The summer reading assessment is a major grade, which will have a significant impact on the first quarter average. Additional writing assignments may be given in the English class on the book or books assigned for that class. Students are strongly encouraged to take notes on the books as they read. Students are more likely to recall the details of the summer reading books if they read them during the latter half of the summer.

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## 2023 Summer Reading Notification to Rising Juniors

As part of the summer reading program at Bishop England High School, each junior is required to read one or two books as indicated below. Students are responsible for securing the books (unabridged editions). Students must read the selection OR selections that are listed for their level of junior English.

### AP Language & Composition:

**\*Students must read both books and the essays provided.**

- *Into the Wild* – Jon Krakauer
- *Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell
- Selected Readings – Thoreau

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### Honors English III:

**\*Students must read both books and the essays provided.**

- *Into the Wild* – Jon Krakauer
- *Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell
- Selected Readings – Thoreau

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**AI English III:** *The Stranger in the Woods* by Michael Finkel

**AII English III:** *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls

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## 2023 Summer Reading Notification to Rising Seniors

As part of the summer reading program at Bishop England High School, each senior is required to read one or two books over the summer, **depending on his or her level of English IV**. Students are responsible for securing the books (unabridged editions).

**AP Literature: \*Students must read both books.**

- *Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad
- *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy

**Honors English IV:** *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy

**AI English IV:** *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy

**AII English IV:** *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy

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