

SAINT DOMINIC ACADEMY
English Department
Summer 2025

Summer reading is an integral part of the SDA curriculum. Scholar-leaders are expected to read with curiosity, with an awareness of the writer's style, with attention to vocabulary, and a strong sense of the content of the reading.

Scholar-leaders should come to school with the text(s) annotated and ready for discussion and writing.

Scholar-leaders in each course should keep lists of:

- unknown or unclear vocabulary and definitions, and
- character names and details (with page references when possible).

Scholar-leaders are encouraged to:

- write 1-2 sentence chapter summaries
- think about and take notes on main themes of the text

- **All** rising 11th graders are required to read *Outliers* (2008) by Malcolm Gladwell; AP enrollees have additional research and written assignments supplemental to the reading. See AP Language and Composition assignment.
- **All** rising 10th graders are required to read *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* (2011) by Rebecca Skloot.
- **All** rising 9th graders are required to read *The House on Mango Street* (1984) by Sandra Cisneros.
- **All** rising 7th & 8th graders are required to read both *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* (1969) by Maya Angelou and *Refugee* (2017) by Alan Gratz.