

## Northwood High School Summer Reading List 2025-2026 School Year

The philosophy of the English Department of Northwood includes our constant attention to literacy as the basis for success in the academic arena. We ask that parents take part in monitoring the summer reading assignments given to all of our students. Projects, essays, and/or tests based on summer reading will be required within the **first week of school in the fall even for those students having English class in the second semester**. Students in advanced English classes (Honors, AP, DE, or GT noted with an asterisk) will read two books while all other students will read one.

**Every Student Reads:** *I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives* by Caitlin Alifirenka & Martin Gonda with Liz Welch

**\*Freshman Honors/GT:** *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury and *I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives* by Caitlin Alifirenka & Martin Gonda with Liz Welch

**\*Sophomore Honors/GT:** *Cold Sassy Tree* by Olive Ann Burns and *I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives* by Caitlin Alifirenka & Martin Gonda with Liz Welch

**\*Junior Honors/AP:** *How to Read Literature Like a Professor (Revised Edition)* by Thomas C. Foster (with writing assignments) and *I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives* by Caitlin Alifirenka & Martin Gonda with Liz Welch

**\*Senior Honors/Dual Enrollment:** *1984* by George Orwell and *I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives* by Caitlin Alifirenka & Martin Gonda with Liz Welch

**\*Senior AP:** (Only those who are in Mrs. Fisher's senior AP course should read these.)  
*I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives* by Caitlin Alifirenka & Martin Gonda with Liz Welch

AND read one of the following options:

*Beloved* by Toni Morrison

*Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel

*Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte

*Lord of the Flies* by William Golding

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Shreve Memorial Library - Hoopla & Libby apps - <https://www.shreve-lib.org/Faq.aspx?QID=105>

MackinVia - Must login to Caddo ClassLink (same as Caddo's Google login) to access