



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

2021 Summer Reading and Viewing Requirements

Due to the COVID-19 Restrictions, listed texts will not be available for purchase through St. Thomas More. However, all are available via other book vendors such as Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble, Books-A-Million, etc. Students will also be allowed to utilize eBooks that may be purchased through Amazon or other vendors and read on Kindles, iPads, or other tablets and devices.

For students who want to complete their AR summer reading early, the STM Library will be open for testing on the following dates:

Wednesday, June 16 | 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Wednesday, July 21 | 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Wednesday, August 11 | 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Orientation Day)

Students may test on Orientation Day as well as before/after school and during their lunch periods before their **deadlines** listed below.

Seniors: August 13

Juniors: August 16

Sophomores: August 17

Freshmen: August 18

Required Books and Films:

Students are required to take Accelerated Reader tests on all assigned and choice novels. There are no AR tests on movies, but students should be ready for some type of assessment when school starts.

English I (CP)

- Book: [Night](#) by Elie Wiesel
- Film: [Hotel Rwanda](#) (1994 – PG-13)

English I (H)

- Books: [Night](#) by Elie Wiesel and [The Screwtape Letters](#) by C.S. Lewis
- Film: [Hotel Rwanda](#) (1994 – PG-13)

English II (CP)

- Book: [The Alchemist](#) – by Paulo Coelho
- Film: [Life of Pi](#) (PG - 2012)

English II (H)

- Books: [The Alchemist](#) - by Paulo Coelho and [Out of the Silent Planet](#) by C.S. Lewis Please note that Out of the Silent Planet is the first text in a trilogy. Students are only required to read this first text. They are **not** required to read *Perelandra* or *That Hideous Strength*
- Film: [Life of Pi](#) (PG - 2012)

English III (CP)

- Book: [Catcher in the Rye](#) by J. D. Salinger
- Film: [Dead Poets' Society](#) (1989 – PG)

English III (H) and (AP)

- Book: [Catcher in the Rye](#) by J. D. Salinger
- Film: [Dead Poets' Society](#) (1989 – PG)
- **Also:** Students must read a work from a designated list; you may access this list [here](#). This reading will feed into a major research project to be completed during the junior year. For questions email Mrs. Sharon Guillory at [**sharon.guillory@stmcougars.net**](mailto:sharon.guillory@stmcougars.net).

English IV (CP)

- Book: [Man's Search for Meaning](#) by Viktor Frankl
- Film: [A Beautiful Mind](#) (PG-13 – 2001)

English IV (H and DE)

- Books: [Siddhartha](#) by Herman Hesse and [Man's Search for Meaning](#) by Viktor Frankl
- Film: [The King's Speech](#) (R-2010) (strongly preferred with parental permission) **OR** [A Beautiful Mind](#) (PG-13 – 2001)

English IV (AP)

- Books: [1984](#) by George Orwell and [Man's Search for Meaning](#) by Viktor Frankl
- Film: [The King's Speech](#) (R-2010) (strongly preferred with parental permission) **OR** [A Beautiful Mind](#) (PG-13 – 2001)

Additional Reading Opportunity:

During the summer, all STM students may earn an additional 50/50 or 100/100 for the first quarter by earning a specified number of AR points **in addition to** their required reading. Books may be found using **AR Bookfinder**.

- For a bonus **50/50** grade: earn **10 AR points** through extra summer reading
- For a bonus **100/100** grade: earn **20 AR points** through extra summer reading

Please note:

- Points earned from required summer reading do NOT count toward this bonus grade.
- These additional/bonus points do NOT count toward students' mandatory first-quarter AR reading requirement.

Students may not test on books that appear on our **Exclusion List**, which should be checked before beginning any novel of choice. Current movies made from books are automatically on the exclusion list when released.