

## PRE-REQUISITE READING LIST: Pre-AP English II 2024-25

### Assignments:

Students entering Pre-AP English II at Oxford High School during the 2024-2025 school year must have completed the following assignments by the beginning of the course.

1. You will read four books total based on the requirements outlined on the reading list below.
  2. Annotating (taking detailed notes) on the texts is **strongly suggested**, as you will need a working knowledge of all four texts when you are assessed. It will be easier to review your own notes than reread the entire book.
  3. Come to school prepared for the following assessment types:
    - comprehension tests
    - written assignments/essays
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### Choosing a book:

- Research the book choices on the lists below in order to make informed decisions about which books most interest you.
- If there are books on the list that you have read before, please choose a different book to broaden your reading experiences.
- Some of the book choices are more mature than others, so please make sure you discuss your choices with your parent/guardian.

### Finding/purchasing books:

- All titles should be available through Square Books or Square Books, Jr.
- All titles should be available online as bargain/used copies.
- All titles should be available at the public and university libraries.
- You also might ask previous Pre-AP students if they are willing to loan or sell their copies since they have already taken the class.

## READING LIST

### **Future Unit Study:**

#### **All students must read the following selection.**

(This text is directly connected to a unit we will complete during the course. It is translated from ancient Greek, so there are numerous versions in English. All tell the same story, though the language may differ slightly in different translations.)

- *Oedipus Rex*, Sophocles; also titled *Oedipus the King*.

### **Dystopian Novels:**

Choose one of the novels from this list.

- *1984*, George Orwell
- *Fahrenheit 451*, Ray Bradbury

### **Social Commentary:**

Choose one of the books from this list.

- *The Bluest Eye*, Toni Morrison
- *Coming of Age in Mississippi*, Anne Moody

### **Novellas:**

Choose one of the novellas from this list.

- *The Metamorphosis*, Franz Kafka
- *The Awakening*, Kate Chopin