

Tuscaloosa Academy— 2026—2027 School Year

Reading is an important aspect of any college preparatory education. As such, Tuscaloosa Academy requires students to read a variety of challenging, thought-provoking, and inspirational texts. Parents interested in ordering books before the school year should consider that some changes may occur to any proposed books on the following lists. Please, contact the teacher with questions.

English 9 Fall

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Author	Work	ISBN (if Available)
Golding, William	<i>Lord of the Flies (Summer)</i>	978-0399501487
Suttfliff, Mary	<i>Black Ships Before Troy (Iliad)</i>	
Homer	<i>The Odyssey</i>	
Shakespeare	<i>Hamlet: No Fear Shakespeare</i>	

English 10 Fall and Spring

(Outlaw; coutlaw@tuscaloosaacademy.org)

Author	Work	ISBN
Orwell, George	<i>Animal Farm (Summer)</i>	978-0451526342
Chandler, Raymond	<i>The Big Sleep</i>	978-0394758282
Lee, Harper	<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>	978-0060935467
Miller, Arthur	<i>Death of a Salesman</i>	978-0140481341
Shakespeare, William	<i>Macbeth: No Fear Shakespeare</i>	978-1586638467

English 11 (Non AP): Fall and Spring

(Hardin; chardin@tuscaloosaacademy.org)

Author	Work	ISBN
Gaines, Ernest	<i>A Lesson Before Dying (Summer)</i>	978-0375702709
Fitzgerald, F. Scott	<i>The Great Gatsby</i>	978-0743273565
Bradbury, Ray	<i>Fahrenheit 451</i>	978-1451673319
Capote, Truman	<i>In Cold Blood</i>	978-0679745587

English 12 (Non AP): Fall and Spring
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Author	Work	ISBN
Dalton Trumbo	<i>Johnny Got His Gun (Summer)</i>	978-0553274325
Shakespeare	<i>Julius Caesar: No Fear Shakespeare</i>	978-0606315784
Chaucer, Geoffrey	<i>The Canterbury Tales</i>	
Leroux, Gaston	<i>The Phantom of the Opera</i>	978-0060809249

English 11: AP Language and Composition: Fall and Spring
(Pruitt; mpruitt@tuscaloosaacademy.org)

Author	Work	ISBN
Heinrichs, Jay	<i>Thank You for Arguing (Summer)</i>	978-0307341440
Capote, Truman	<i>In Cold Blood</i>	978-0679745587
Tzu, Sun	<i>The Art of War</i>	PDF will be provided

English 12: AP Literature and Composition Fall and Spring
(Pruitt; mpruitt@tuscaloosaacademy.org)

Foster, Thomas	<i>How to Read Literature Like a Professor (Summer)</i>	978-0062301673
Euripides (Translated by Oliver Taplin)	<i>Medea</i>	978-0226203454
Heaney, Seamus	<i>Beowulf</i>	978-0393320978
Shakespeare, William	<i>Richard III: No Fear Shakespeare</i>	978-1411401020
Kafka, Franz	<i>The Metamorphosis</i>	978-1557427663
Christie, Agatha	<i>Murder on the Orient Express</i>	978-0007119318
Hammett, Dashiell	<i>The Maltese Falcon</i>	978-0679722649
Marques, Gabriel Garcia	<i>Chronicle of a Death Foretold</i>	978-1400034710