



In Conroe ISD, we encourage all students to read over the summer in order to enrich learning and provoke thought. Summer reading strengthens reading skills, increases academic achievement, fosters a love for reading, and empowers students to become life-long learners.

"What we know is that children who do not read in the summer lose two to three months of reading development while kids who do read tend to gain a month of reading proficiency..."

Richard Allington, professor of literacy studies and past-president of the International Reading Association

We, in Conroe ISD, do maintain our belief in the power of reading for all students. In order to maintain reading skills and continue to grow a reading life, we encourage all students to continue reading over the summer.

In light of the current public health situation and modified learning environment, we will not be requiring students to complete any accompanying assignment or project for any suggested summer reading for the 2020-2021 school year.

In order to help students with text selections, individual campuses may provide suggestions of particular reading lists or specific genres to best transition into the beginning of the school year.

English IV 2332 and 2333 focus on World Literature, encompassing the writings of the ancient world to the present day. All reading and exploration completed over the summer will help students form foundations of understanding for the work completed during the first semester. These works will help students form a context of the culture and character respected and abhorred in those civilizations. Choices do not have to focus on ancient Western civilizations, but may include works about any ancient civilization.

Students are encouraged to read works set in the ancient civilizations: any genre will work.

Here are links to a few lists of works set in the ancient worlds:

https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/10065.Best_Novels_Set_in_the_Ancient_World

<https://www.independent.co.uk/student/student-life/books/10-ancient-classics-every-student-should-read-sophocles-homer-the-odyssey-aristotle-plato-a7541491.html>

<https://www.ancient.eu/article/1529/12-best-historical-fiction-books-to-read/>

In addition to reading, here are also some links to museum exhibits which will help to build context.

<http://www.ancientcivilizations.co.uk/noflash.html>

<https://www.namuseum.gr/en/collections/>

<https://tinyurl.com/u2sx7gb>

<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/pergamonmuseum-staatliche-museen-zu-berlin?hl=en>