

# *Ambassador Christian School Summer Reading 2026*

Here is the list of texts to read for the summer. For each text, the expectation is that you read the work in its entirety, annotate key ideas, including ideas related to theme/purpose, main ideas, literary elements, character analysis, or any other points of interest and discussion.

You will also complete a **quote journal for the texts** and **TPCASTTs** for the poetry (AP Lit only).

When the school year begins, be prepared to discuss and write about these works.

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## **English 1 - 3 texts :**

1. Please choose ONE of the biographies listed under "[Christians You Should Know](#)" or "[Missionaries.](#)"
2. **CHOOSE ONE** of the following books by Malcolm Gladwell:  
*The Tipping Point*, *Blink*, *Outliers*, or *David and Goliath*
3. *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck

## **English 2 - 3 texts :**

1. *Crazy Busy* by Kevin DeYoung
2. *Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway
3. *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis

## **English 2 Honors – 3 texts :**

1. *Crazy Busy* by Kevin DeYoung
2. *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens
3. *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis

## **AP Language and English 3 – 3 texts :**

1. *Amusing Ourselves to Death* by Neil Postman **OR** *The Shallows: What the Internet is Doing to Our Brains* by Nicholas Carr
2. *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave* by Frederick Douglass **OR** *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl* by Harriet Jacobs
3. *Think* by John Piper

## **English 4 – 3 texts:**

1. *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster
2. *Sipping Salt Water* by Steve Hoppe
3. *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller

## **AP Literature – 4 texts plus poetry:**

1. *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster
2. *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne, **OR** *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen, **OR** *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë
3. *Sipping Salt Water* by Steve Hoppe
4. *The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde
5. Read and TPCASTT **15 of the 20 poems** in the "Summer Poetry Packet for AP Lit" pdf (on the school website under Summer Reading List)