Souderton Area High School Pre-Course Reading List
2019-2020

Academic English 9
- *Anthem* by Ayn Rand

Honors 9 (both required)
- *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway
- *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett

Academic English 10
- *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie OR *The Time Machine* by H.G. Wells

Honors 10 (both required)
- *The Declaration* by Gemma Malley
- *Emma* by Jane Austen OR *The Razor’s Edge* by Somerset Maugham

Journalism – Please note your year and position in journalism when choosing which summer reading book to read.
- 1st Year Staff: *Edward R. Murrow and the Birth of Broadcast Journalism* by Bob Edwards
- 2nd Year Staff: *Heat and Light: Advice for the Next Generation of Journalists* by Mike Wallace and Beth Knobel
- 1st Year Editors AND 3rd Year Staff: *The New New Journalism: Conversations with America’s Best Nonfiction Writers on their Craft* by Robert S. Boynton
- 2nd Year Editors AND 4th Year Staff: *The Overachievers: The Secret Lives of Driven Kids* by Alexandra Robbins

Honors English 11/12 (both required)
- *The Odyssey* by Homer
- *Cry the Beloved Country* by Alan Paton

Quarter Courses English 11 & 12
Sociology and Psychology in Literature: *A Place Where the Sea Remembers* by Sandra Benitez
Pandora’s Legacy: *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley
Mythological Men and Women: *Anansi Boys* by Neil Gaiman
War Stories—Perception or Reality?: *Hiroshima* by John Hersey
Great Books—Coming of Age: *The Chosen* by Chaim Potok
Money, Power, and Social Justice: *Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
Humor in Literature: *Paddy Clark Ha Ha Ha* by Roddy Doyle
Literature of Fear and Horror: *The Haunting of Hill House* by Shirley Jackson