

A decorative border of various books and papers is arranged around the central text. On the left side, there is a vertical stack of books and papers. At the bottom, there is a horizontal arrangement of books and papers, including a notebook, a folder, and several open books. The style is simple and illustrative, using black outlines and light yellow and brown colors.

Summer 2024

**Summer Enrichment,
Reading &
Required Assignments
GUIDE**

NHS Grades 9-12

Natick High School Summer 2024

Freshman Summer Enrichment

Directions

Choose a text or experience from the list below. Then...

- Reflect on the essential question
- Students will present and reflect on their enrichment experience in the fall in their freshman Global Awareness Class

Essential Question: How have hate, prejudice and bias impacted the world throughout history? How are hate, prejudice and bias impacting our community today?

Books

Fiction

- *The Silence that Binds Us* by Joanna Ho
- *The Life and Crimes of Hoodie Rosen* by Isaac Blum
- *Kneel* by Candace Buford
- *Promise Boys* by Nick Brooks

Non-Fiction

- *Louder: A guide to finding your voice and changing the World* by Kate Asquith
- *Stamped: Racism, Anti-Racism and You* by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi
- *Disability Visibility* by Alice Wong
- *Accountable: The True Story of a Racist Social Media and the Teenagers Lives it Changed* by Dashka Slater

Podcasts

- [United Nations- UNiting Against Hate Podcast \(all 8 episodes\)](#)
- [UNICEF- Hate Speech and Children's Rights Podcast \(choose 8 episodes\)](#)
- [NPR- Code Switch Podcast \(choose 6 episodes\)](#)
 - [US Holocaust Memorial Museum- Voice on Anti-Semitism Podcast \(choose 10 episodes\)](#)

Film/ TV

PBS Frontline: [Documenting Hate: Charlottesville](#)

Sites & Experiences

- [Auschwitz: Not long ago. Not far away.](#): traveling exhibit in Boston through 9/2
- [Walk the Black Heritage Trail](#)
 - [Virtual Tour with Map to Site](#)
- [Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology](#)
- [The Armenian Museum- Armenian Genocide Exhibit](#)
- [Museum of African American History](#)
- [Virtual Exhibit- Boston Slavery Exhibit](#)
- [UN Virtual Exhibit- Understanding Hate Speech](#)



Freshman Honors Summer Reading

In addition to choosing one of the freshman enrichment choices, students taking honors freshman English will read *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah. Students should [prepare to participate in a Socratic Seminar](#) (or similar activity) about *Born a Crime* at the start of the school year.

Born a Crime is available as an Ebook for free with your library card through [Hoopla](#) and [Libby](#).



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Sophomore Summer Enrichment



Directions

Choose a text or experience from the list below. Then...

- Reflect on the essential question
- Students will present and reflect on their enrichment experience in the fall in their sophomore chemistry class.

Essential Question: What is one way that chemistry impacts your day-to-day life and why should humans learn about science?

Books

Fiction

- *The Martian* by Andy Weir
- *Artemis* by Andy Weir
- *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

Non-Fiction

- *The Nature of Nature* by Enric Sala
- any book by Michio Kaku

Sites & Experiences

Chemistry of Cooking

- Take a [cooking class](#), baking class, borrow a book from the library, watch *YouTube*

Chemistry of Art

- [Trustees Art-Making Programs](#), [Mass Audubon Art Programs](#)
- [deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum](#)


Other Museums

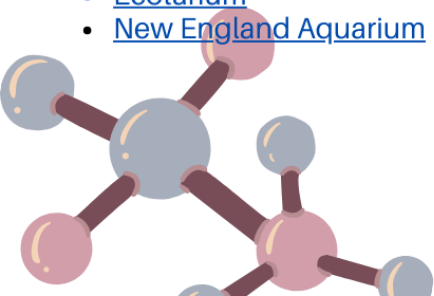
- [Walter Gropius House, Lincoln](#)
- [Woods Hole, MA](#) (take a free tour, talk to a scientist, attend a free event)
- [Mass Audubon Sanctuaries](#)
- [Museum of Science](#)
- [Harvard Museum of Natural History](#)
- [Ecotarium](#)
- [New England Aquarium](#)

Podcasts

- [Pharm to Table](#)
- [The Real Life Chemistry](#)
 - Radiolab episodes: [The Periodic Table](#), [Elements](#)

Film/ TV

- *Lessons in Chemistry* (TV Show)
 - *Chernobyl* (TV series)
 - *Interstellar*
 - *The Martian*
 - *Hidden Figures*
 - *Oppenheimer*
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Sophomore Honors Summer Reading

In addition to choosing one of the sophomore enrichment choices, students taking honors sophomore English will select a [memoir](#).

As you read this self-selected book, take notes using this [note-catcher](#). **These notes will be used to complete a writing assignment in class when you return to school.**



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Junior Summer Enrichment

Directions

Choose a text or experience from the list below. Then...

- Pick 1-2 questions from the list of unit essential questions and write a brief reflection including details of your text/experience and how it connects to or answers the question.
- Students will be asked to present about their summer experience in the fall in their Junior English class

UNIT ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

★ Controversies in America

- How can we evaluate, interpret, and dissect information in our world to determine our own thoughts and opinions?
- How are our voices a product of our historical and political contexts?
- How have people, both in American history and present day, successfully brought about change through persuasion?

★ Evolving American Dream

- What are the distinctive characteristics of the American Dream?
- How has the American Dream evolved with innovation and technology?
- How does the American Dream influence characters to “invent” themselves?

★ The Search for Self

- How is a person shaped by his/her/their culture, family, and/or personal experiences?
- What impact does society and culture have on shaping one’s understanding of the world?
- What factors enable prejudice and bias? How do we overcome them?

★ Conformity Vs Rebellion

- How do authors use characterization to challenge or reinforce societal or gender norms?
- What struggles and experiences are characteristic of the transition from childhood to adulthood, and how do these struggles help an individual develop an authentic sense of self?

Books

Fiction

- Trust by Hernan Diaz
- All my Rage by Sabaa Tahir
- There, There by Tommy Orange
- Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi

Non-Fiction

- One Summer: America, 1927 by Bill Bryson
- Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer
- Americanized: Rebel Without a Green Card by Sara Saedi

Sites to Visit

- Walk [Walden Pond](#)
- Participate in a [Freedom Trail guided tour free audio tour | schedule a live tour](#)
- [Walk the Black Heritage Trail: free audio tour](#) or [tour the museum](#)
- Visit [Fruitlands Museum and Heritage Site](#)
- [Salem Witch Museum](#)
- [Longfellow’s house](#)
- [Orchard House](#)
- [Norman Rockwell Museum](#) (be sure to visit the [Four Freedoms](#) painting collection)
- [The Mount](#) (Edith Wharton’s House & [Exhibits](#))
- [Emily Dickinson’s Homestead](#)

Podcasts

- [Classy](#) with Jonathan Menjivar
 - Recommended Episodes: “Are Rich People Bad?”, “Class and Combat”, “Parmesan Foam & Shredded Cheddar”
- [Throughline](#) by NPR (select at least 2 to listen to)
- [American Scandal](#) with Lindsay Graham (not the senator) (select at least 2 to listen to)
- [1619 Project](#) by *New York Times* with Nikole Hannah-Jones
 - Recommended Episodes: “1. The Fight for True Democracy,” “2. The Economy That Slavery Built”
- [Serial Season 4: Guantanamo](#)
 - Recommended Episodes: “Episode 1: Poor Baby Raul,” “Episode 2: The Special Project,” “Episode 7: The Forever Reporter”

Films

- *Dead Poets’ Society*
- *Margin Call* (rated R for language)
- *Midnight in Paris*
- *10 Things I Hate About You*
- *The Breakfast Club*



Junior Honors & AP Summer Reading

If you are taking Junior Honors English (English 30)

In addition to choosing one of the junior enrichment choices, students taking honors junior English will read ***A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*** by Betty Smith. As you read *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*, track the following topics related to the American Dream: poverty, gender identity, ethnic identity/xenophobia, family, education, or industrialization.

[Here](#) are some reading questions to guide discussion in the fall.

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn is available as an Ebook for free with your library card through [Libby](#).

AP English Language and Composition

In place of the junior English summer enrichment assignment, AP Language students will read *They Say / I Say* by Gerald Graff and Cathy Birkenstein and *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. Additionally, they must complete the activities explained in this document: [AP English Language & Composition 2024 Summer Work](#).



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Senior Summer Enrichment from Guidance

Directions

Senior Summer Assignment: College and Career Readiness

- Follow the Guidance Department [Senior Year Checklist](#) to prepare for your Fall Guidance Seminar and college /career planning

Resources

[Senior Year Checklist](#)

[Career Planning Website](#)





Senior Honors & AP Summer Reading

There is no additional summer work for Honors English Electives

AP English Literature and Composition (Seniors) All students will read *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde, *Interpreter of Maladies* by Jhumpa Lahiri, and excerpts from *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster. For details on summer assignments and expectations, please see this document: [AP Literature 2024 Summer Work](#).

NHS Summer Reading & Enrichment

Goals and Expectations Specific grade-level courses will be assigned a list of options related to course content. Texts and activities will enable students to build background knowledge through experiential learning while developing an authentic relationship with the curriculum.

Note: [Honors English courses](#) have additional Summer Reading assignments. [AP English courses](#) have different Summer Reading Assignments.

[Freshmen](#): Social Studies - Global Awareness

[Sophomores](#): Science - Chemistry

[Juniors](#): English - American Literature

[Seniors](#): Guidance - College and Career Readiness

Senior Summer Assignment: College and Career Readiness

- Follow the Guidance Department [Senior Year Checklist](#) to prepare for your Fall Guidance Seminar and college /career planning

Resources

- ★ [Senior Year Checklist](#)
- ★ [Career Planning Website](#)

Junior Summer Assignment: American Literature

- Choose a text or experience from the list below.
- Pick 1-2 questions from the list of unit essential questions and write a brief reflection including details of your text/experience and how it connects to or answers the question.
- Students will be asked to present about their summer experience in the fall.

UNIT ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

Controversies in America

- ★ How can we evaluate, interpret, and dissect information in our world to determine our own thoughts and opinions?
- ★ How are our voices a product of our historical and political contexts?
- ★ How have people, both in American history and present day, successfully brought about change through persuasion?

Evolving American Dream

- ★ What are the distinctive characteristics of the American Dream?
- ★ How has the American Dream evolved with innovation and technology?
- ★ How does the American Dream influence characters to “invent” themselves?

The Search for Self

- ★ How is a person shaped by his/her/their culture, family, and/or personal experiences?
- ★ What impact does society and culture have on shaping one’s understanding of the world?
- ★ What factors enable prejudice and bias? How do we overcome them?

Conformity Vs Rebellion

- ★ How do authors use characterization to challenge or reinforce societal or gender norms?
- ★ What struggles and experiences are characteristic of the transition from childhood to adulthood, and how do these struggles help an individual develop an authentic sense of self?

<p>Novels <i>Note:</i> you can reserve free e-books and audiobooks through Sora, Hoopla, and Libby with your library card!</p>	<p>Fiction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Trust</i> by Hernan Diaz ● <i>All my Rage</i> by Sabaa Tahir ● <i>There, There</i> by Tommy Orange ● <i>Homegoing</i> by Yaa Gyasi 	<p>Non-Fiction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>One Summer: America, 1927</i> by Bill Bryson ● <i>Into the Wild</i> by Jon Krakauer ● <i>Americanized: Rebel Without a Green Card</i> by Sara Saedi
<p>Experiences</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● See Gatsby: An American Myth at American Repertory Theater 	
<p>Museums & Historical Sites <i>Note:</i> you can reserve free museum passes through the Morse Institute and the Bacon Free Library</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Walk Walden Pond ● Participate in a Freedom Trail guided tour free audio tour schedule a live tour ● Walk the Black Heritage Trail: free audio tour or tour the museum ● Visit Fruitlands Museum and Heritage Site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Salem Witch Museum ● Longfellow’s house ● Orchard House ● Norman Rockwell Museum (be sure to visit the Four Freedoms painting collection) ● The Mount (Edith Wharton's House & Exhibits) ● Emily Dickinson's Homestead
<p>Podcasts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Classy with Jonathan Menjivar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recommended Episodes: “Are Rich People Bad?”, “Class and Combat”, “Parmesan Foam & Shredded Cheddar” ● Throughline by NPR (select at least 2 to listen to) ● American Scandal with Lindsay Graham (not the senator) (select at least 2 to listen to) ● 1619 Project by <i>New York Times</i> with Nikole Hannah-Jones <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recommended Episodes: “1. The Fight for True Democracy,” “2. The Economy That Slavery Built” ● Serial Season 4: Guantanamo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recommended Episodes: “Episode 1: Poor Baby Raul,” “Episode 2: The Special Project,” “Episode 7: The Forever Reporter” 	
<p>Film</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Dead Poets’ Society</i> ● <i>Margin Call</i> (rated R for language) ● <i>Midnight in Paris</i> ● <i>10 Things I Hate About You</i> ● <i>The Breakfast Club</i> 	

Sophomore Summer Assignment: Chemistry

- Choose a text or experience below
- Reflect on the essential question
- Students will present and reflect on their enrichment experience in the fall

★ Essential Question: What is one way that chemistry impacts your day-to-day life and why should humans learn about science?

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<p>Experiences</p>	<p>Chemistry of Cooking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Take a cooking class, baking class, borrow a book from the library, watch YouTube <p>Chemistry of Art</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trustees Art-Making Programs, Mass Audubon Art Programs 	
<p>Museums & Historical Sites <i>Note:</i> you can reserve free museum passes through the Morse Institute and the Bacon Free Library</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum ● Walter Gropius House, Lincoln ● Woods Hole, MA (take a free tour, talk to a scientist, attend a free event) ● Mass Audubon Sanctuaries ● Museum of Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Harvard Museum of Natural History ● Ecotarium ● New England Aquarium
<p>Podcasts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pharm to Table ● The Real Life Chemistry ● <i>Radiolab</i> episodes: The Periodic Table, Elements 	
<p>Film/TV</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Lessons in Chemistry</i> (TV Show) ● <i>Chernobyl</i> (TV series) ● <i>Interstellar</i> ● <i>The Martian</i> ● <i>Hidden Figures</i> ● <i>Oppenheimer</i> 	

Freshman Summer Assignment: Global Awareness

- Choose a text or experience below
- Reflect on the essential question
- Students will present and reflect on their enrichment experience in their Global Awareness class during September

★ Essential Question: How have hate, prejudice and bias impacted the world throughout history? How are hate, prejudice and bias impacting our community today?

<p>Novels <i>Note: you can reserve free e-books and audiobooks through Sora, Hoopla, and Libby with your library card!</i></p>	<p>Fiction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>The Silence that Binds Us</i> by Joanna Ho ● <i>The Life and Crimes of Hoodie Rosen</i> by Isaac Blum ● <i>Kneel</i> by Candace Buford ● <i>Promise Boys</i> by Nick Brooks 	<p>Non-Fiction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Louder: A guide to finding your voice and changing the World</i> by Kate Asquith ● <i>Stamped: Racism, Anti-Racism and You</i> by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi ● <i>Disability Visibility</i> by Alice Wong ● <i>Accountable: The True Story of a Racist Social Media and the Teenagers Lives it Changed</i> by Dashka Slater
<p>Experiences</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Auschwitz: Not long ago. Not far away.: traveling exhibit in Boston through 9/2. 	
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<p>Film/TV</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PBS Frontline: Documenting Hate: Charlottesville 	

Additional Reading Requirements for Honors English Students

Entering Freshman Honors | English 10

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Born a Crime is available as an Ebook for free with your library card through [Hoopla](#) and [Libby](#).

Entering Sophomore Honors | English 20

In addition to choosing one of the sophomore enrichment choices, students taking honors sophomore English will select a [memoir](#). As you read this self-selected book, take notes using this [note-catcher](#). **These notes will be used to complete a writing assignment in class when you return to school.**

Entering Junior Honors | English 30

In addition to choosing one of the junior enrichment choices, students taking honors junior English will read *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith. As you read *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*, track the following topics related to the American Dream: poverty, gender identity, ethnic identity/ xenophobia, family, education, or industrialization. [Here](#) are some reading questions to guide discussion in the fall.

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn is available as an Ebook for free with your library card though [Libby](#).

Reading Requirements for AP English Students

AP English Language and Composition (Juniors) In place of the junior English summer enrichment assignment, AP Language students will read *They Say / I Say* by Gerald Graff and Cathy Birkenstein and *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. Additionally, they must complete the activities explained in this document: [AP English Language & Composition 2024 Summer Work](#).

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FINAL REMINDER

Consult the [Natick High School Summer Work \(2024-2025\) document](#) provided by the school to determine if you have summer work. Classes are listed alphabetically in the document.