



SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL for Science & Mathematics

Class of 2021 Summer Reading List

Congratulations on your admission to the South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics! As your English instructors, we look forward to working with you during the 2019–2020 school year. GSSM's AP Language and Composition (English 102) has two main goals:

- to help you appreciate literature for all its complexity, artistry, beauty, and insight into the human condition.
- to make you a more effective writer, equipped with the composition skills you will need to succeed at the university level.

Our study of American and European literary traditions will incorporate a wide range of critical approaches, including discussions about history, ethics, race, class, and gender. You will write a variety of essays, and you will also have the chance to perform dramatic scenes, produce film interpretations of literature, and present arguments before your fellow students in a debate-style format. In addition to literary analysis and research papers, you will get a chance to explore a number of different genres of writing, each with their own challenges and criteria.

Please purchase and read these books over the summer to get ready for the coming school year:

1. Shirley Jackson, *We Have Always Lived in the Castle** (Penguin Classics Deluxe Edition, 2006). ISBN # 978-0143039976
2. Natasha Trethewey, *Native Guard* (Mariner Books, 2007). ISBN# 978-0618872657

Please make sure to purchase these editions, in part so that everyone can work with the same pagination. They are readily available on Amazon.com.

***Spoiler Alert:** Please *do not* read the introduction to *We Have Always Lived in the Castle* until *after* finishing the novel.

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