
BROOKLYN SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
2023

Summer Reading list for grades 9, 10, 11 and 12: Please choose 4 books of various genres

World & Philosophical Texts

- *1984* by George Orwell
- *Waiting for Godot* by Samuel Beckett
- *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley
- *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe

Modern Literature

- *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini
- *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri
- *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi
- "Everything I Never Told You" by Celeste Ng

Nonfiction & Memoirs

- *Educated* by Tara Westover
- *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson
- *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls
- *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster *(college prep)*

American Literature

- *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan
- *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston
- *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller
- *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry

Nonfiction & Speeches

- *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*
- *Walden* by Henry David Thoreau (selections)
- *"A Letter from Birmingham Jail"* by Martin Luther King, Jr.
- "On Being a Cripple" by Nancy Mairs