

**English II: AMERICAN LITERATURE AND EFFECTIVE WRITING  
SUMMER READING LIST, 2010-2011**

During your English II course, discussions and writing assignments will be based on the works listed below. **During the summer months, complete the reading of the books that are marked with an asterisk. You will also need to read one additional work of your choice from the list below.** Toward the end of May, you will receive directions for the completion of an assignment related to your reading. Each student must have her own copy of each required work, since she will be instructed to highlight certain passages and to make notations in the books.

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**REQUIRED FOR HONORS COURSE**

*\*The Great Gatsby*, F. Scott Fitzgerald (Scribner)  
*The Scarlet Letter*, Nathaniel Hawthorne (Penguin)  
*\*The Catcher in the Rye*, J. D. Salinger (Little, Brown and Co.)  
*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, Mark Twain (B & N Classic)  
*\*A Raisin in the Sun*, by Lorraine Hansberry (Vintage)  
*The Crucible*, Arthur Miller (Penguin)  
*A Pocket Style Manual*, 5<sup>th</sup> ed., Diana Hacker

**STUDENT CHOICE**

*Kindred*, Octavia Butler (Beacon Press, Black Women Writers Series)  
*The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, Sherman Alexie (Little, Brown)  
*The Awakening*, Kate Chopin (Bantam)  
*Behind a Mask; Or a Woman's Power*, Louisa May Alcott (Harper Collins)

**REQUIRED FOR COLLEGE PREPARATORY COURSE**

*The Great Gatsby*, F. Scott Fitzgerald (Scribner)  
*The Scarlet Letter*, Nathaniel Hawthorne (Penguin)  
*\*The Catcher in the Rye*, J. D. Salinger (Little, Brown and Co.)  
*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, Mark Twain (B & N Classic)  
*\*The Secret Life of Bees*, by Sue Monk Kidd (Penguin)  
*A Streetcar Named Desire*, Tennessee Williams (Signet Classic)  
*A Pocket Style Manual*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed., Diana Hacker

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*Kindred*, Octavia Butler (Beacon Press, Black Women Writers Series)  
*The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, Sherman Alexie (Little, Brown)  
*The Awakening*, by Kate Chopin (Bantam)  
*A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*, Betty Smith (Harper Perennial Modern Classics)