

Summer Reading List 2026 - Nouveau Lycée de Vincennes

Students entering the BFI Section (British Section) in 2nde

1. Read **TWO** of the following books over the summer holidays:

- Maya ANGELOU, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*
- Margaret ATWOOD, *Cat's Eye*
- Jane AUSTEN, *Pride and Prejudice / Mansfield Park*
- James BALDWIN, *Go Tell it on the Mountain*
- Charlotte BRONTË, *Jane Eyre*
- Charles BUKOWSKI, *Ham on Rye*
- Willa CATHER, *My Antonia*
- Sandra CISNEROS, *The House on Mango Street*
- E.M. FORSTER, *A Room With A View*
- William GOLDING, *Lord of the Flies*
- Aldous HUXLEY, *Brave New World*
- Ursula K. LE GUIN, *The Dispossessed*
- Jack LONDON, *Martin Eden*
- Toni MORRISON, *Sula*
- David NICHOLLS, *Sweet Sorrow*
- George ORWELL, *1984*
- Jean RHYS, *Wide Sargasso Sea*
- J.D. SALINGER, *The Catcher in the Rye*
- Patti SMITH, *Just Kids*
- John STEINBECK, *The Grapes of Wrath*
- R.L. STEVENSON, *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*
- Edith WHARTON, *Ethan Frome*
- Jeanette WINTERSON, *Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit*
- Richard WRIGHT, *Black Boy*

2. Keep a **READING-LOG** (or reading diary):

Take a few notes as you read: write down your impressions / what strikes you / any ideas or themes you find relevant / your feelings about the characters & the plot.

Bring your notes for the first class, and we'll discuss your readings in September!

- Classic 19th century novels: *Pride and Prejudice / Mansfield Park / Jane Eyre*
- A modern take on *Jane Eyre*, focusing on the Caribbean: *Wide Sargasso Sea*
- Romance: *A Room with a View*
- Dark love story: *Ethan Frome*
- Sci-Fi: *The Dispossessed*
- Dystopias: *1984 / Lord of the Flies / Brave New World*
- Coming-of-age narratives: *The Catcher in the Rye / Just Kids / Martin Eden / Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit / Black Boy / Ham on Rye / Go Tell it on the Mountain / Cat's Eye / I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings / Sula / Sweet Sorrow*
- Gothic novella: *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*
- US history: *My Antonia / The House on Mango Street / The Grapes of Wrath / Black Boy*

➤ **Where to find (or order) the books:**

- Librairie Millepages (Vincennes): small selection of books in English
- Paris bookstores:
 - Gibert Joseph (26, boulevard Saint Michel, Paris, 75006): good selection of new & used books in English – m° Cluny la Sorbonne
 - Shakespeare & Co (37 Rue de la Bûcherie, 75005) – m° St Michel
 - The Abbey Bookshop (29 Rue de la Parcheminerie, 75005): new & used books
 - Smith & Son (248 rue de Rivoli) – m° Concorde
 - Galignani (same street as Smith & Son, closer to m° Tuileries)