

Summer 2017 Reading

Reading broadly and intelligently are essential components of a good education, and the Blair Faculty encourage reading throughout the year. The summer is no exception—there are exciting and informative titles here!

Expectation for all Blair students: All students are to read a minimum of four books (fiction/non-fiction) over the summer, and we hope that they will read five. In any event, students must read all summer reading books required for their courses. Others, as needed to make up the total of five, are to be of one's own choosing. Depending on the courses, students may be examined on one or all of their choices.

New and returning students who enrolled in language courses for the 2017-2018 academic year must also complete summer work. **Click here** to visit the “Parent Information & Forms” webpage, where details on all summer assignments can be found.

Titles for 2017 summer reading assignments are listed below.

Requirements for Selected Courses for 2017/2018:

All School Read: *Chemistry* by Weike Wang

English 1: *Bird by Bird* (Lamott)

English 2: *Fahrenheit 451* (Bradbury)

English 3: *Into the Wild* (Krakauer)

English 3 AP or 4 AP Literature: *Let the Great World Spin* (McCann)

English 4 AP Language: All English 4 AP Language students will read *Chemistry* during the summer and *Assassination Vacation* (Vowell) during the winter break

Global Issues; Western Civilization; US History: In lieu of summer reading, these courses are allowed to assign a book over either the winter or spring break.

US History AP: Students are to read Part 1: “Liberty and Slavery” which includes chapters 1-6 of *America: Empire of Liberty* (David Reynolds). Be sure to purchase a paper copy of this book; it will be used throughout the year.

European History AP: *Darkness at Noon* (Koestler); email Dr. Miller (millem@blair.edu) for an assignment associated with the novel.

Economics Theory (Honors): *Freakonomics* (Levitt and Dubner)

Microeconomics AP: *The Undercover Economist* (Harford)

Comparative Government AP: Mr. Jenkins will email you during August

Chemistry Honors: *Disappearing Spoon* (Kean)

Chemistry AP: Ms. Hall will email you over the summer

Biology AP: *Riddled With Life* (Zuk); Campbell 10th Ed AP Biology text Chapt. 1-3

Physics AP C (Mechanics): *50 Physics Ideas You Really Need to Know* (Joanne Baker)

Physics AP C (Electricity & Magnetism): *Relativity Simply Explained* (Martin Gardner)

Music Theory AP: *The Complete Book of Scales, Chords, Arpeggios and Cadences...* (Palmer, Manus, Lethco)