



TOPS Summer Reading Expectations for English III

2021-2022

All students attending TOPS for the 2021-2022 school year will be required to participate in Summer Reading. Students will choose one book from a list and be asked to complete a Reading Log regarding that selection this summer. Students transferring to TOPS for the spring semester will be given time to complete the readings. If you have questions about Summer Reading, please contact [Ms. April Trivett](#).

[Reading Log Google Form](#)

Choose one of the following to read and complete the Reading Log.

The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane

Taking place during the American Civil War, the story is about a young private of the Union Army, Henry Fleming, who flees from the field of battle. Overcome with shame, he longs for a wound, a "red badge of courage," to counteract his cowardice. When his regiment once again faces the enemy, Henry acts as standard-bearer. Although Crane was born after the war, and had not at the time experienced battle first-hand, the novel is known for its realism.

The Devil in the White City by Erik Larson

In a thrilling narrative showcasing his gifts as storyteller and researcher, Erik Larson recounts the spellbinding tale of the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition.

The White City (as it became known) was a magical creation constructed upon Chicago's swampy Jackson Park. Dr. Henry H. Holmes combined the fair's appeal with his own fatal charms to lure scores of women to their deaths. Whereas the fair marked the birth of a new epoch in American history, Holmes marked the emergence of a new American archetype, the serial killer, who thrived on the very forces then transforming the country.

The Help by Katherine Stockett

Written from the point of view of three Black housekeepers in 1922 Mississippi, their story is told, as well as that of the women who employ them. The social structure and societal mores of the day when it comes to employment of Blacks is vividly told. It is a moving story with both laughs and, in some cases, tears. Movie made on the basis of this best-selling novel.