

ROBINSON SECONDARY  
IB ENGLISH LITERATURE 1\*  
Summer Enrichment 2021

Dear Rising Juniors,

I am delighted that you have elected to pursue the IB Literature program, and I look forward to spending next school year exploring humanity and the world through the written and spoken word.

I'd like you to think of some of the skills you have developed over the years. Perhaps you play a sport, or maybe you play an instrument. Perhaps you are an artist. Maybe you knit or crochet. Perhaps you have developed some new skills since schools closed! Perhaps you started baking or cooking, or maybe you decided to try a new form of exercise. While you may have had natural talent for some things, you did not stop there; you practice in order to develop a honed craft. (Even that latest Tik Tok dance challenge took practice to master, right?) Reading and writing work the same way, and the two go hand in hand. Most strong writers are also readers. Close, analytical reading is a skill, as is writing, and skills take time and practice to develop.

With these principles in mind, you may wish to consider the following as enrichment for further developing your skills:

- **Read and enjoy books from your TBR (“to be read”) list** ☺ Read books for fun! If you need suggestions, check out [What to Read Next](#). You may be interested in participating in the Robinson Library’s summer reading challenge. Suggestion: Strive to read at least one new book of your choice this summer.
- **Write for fun. Write for yourself, not an assignment.** Need some inspiration? Check out the [100 Days of Summer Writing Slide Deck](#) from a couple years ago. Start a Writer’s Notebook (composition notebook and/or digital file/folder) if you do not yet have one.

I look forward to talking about our reading and writing adventures together in August!

If you are looking for a resource that will help you strengthen your literary analysis skills in prep for next year, check out Francine Prose’s [Reading Like a Writer](#). As with the above suggestions, reading this text is not required; it is simply a suggestion for those who might be interested in reading more about the craft of literary analysis.

I hope that you have a restful summer. Above all else, take care of yourself and be safe.

I look forward to beginning the IB English Literature program with you in August.

Sincerely,  
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***Texts for next school year:***

I made a number of changes to text selections for the 2020-2021 school year and will be spending some time this summer reflecting on those changes and considering which text selections should remain for the 2021-2022 school year, what new selections should be added, and what texts I should, perhaps, pull back into the curriculum. I will share text selections in August.

*\*Please note: IB English Literature is not the same course as IB Language & Literature.*