SUMMER READING 2023

The Piney Woods School has divided our summer reading expectations into two categories: An English department assessment and a Socratic seminar during the first week of the academic year. Every student at PWS will be required to read one book for the school-wide book discussion and reading for their grade-level English class. In addition, students will receive grades for all the required reading, writing, and class discussions. Books can be found online, in bookstores, or in a library.

Required Summer 2023 reading texts

School-wide Book:
The first reading assignment is part of a school-wide book discussion initiative. Students need to read with close attention to detail; part of our developing school culture will be sharing our responses to the book we read over the summer. These responses will involve reflective writing and discussion. All students, faculty, and staff will read the same book.

The Odyssey: Homer, Robert Fagles, Bernard Knox

English Department Required Summer Reading
Students must read the book assigned to their English grade level. We suggest that students annotate as they read (including writing questions in the margins and locating interesting words and lines). Students must be prepared to discuss and write about the book on the first day of their English class of the year. Assessment of the book will take place during the first week of the school year.

Grade Level Reading Assignments

9th Grade: Dear Martin by Nic Stone
10th Grade: The Giver by Lois Lowery
11th Grade: Native Son by Richard Wright
12th Grade: Animal Farm by George Orwell

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the Academic Department at 601 - (845) – 2214

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