

THE AMERICAN OPTION

LIST OF BOOKS TO PURCHASE: **please buy the books in the edition mentioned below.**

Please buy all the books (for both Première and Terminale) now in case we decide to change the order in which we study the books.

Title	Author	Edition
Première		
Things Fall Apart	Chinua Achebe	Penguin Modern Classics
Intimate Apparel	Lynn Nottage	Nick Hern Books ISBN 9781848424371.
The Bluest Eye	Toni Morrison	Vintage
A Streetcar Named Desire	Tennessee Williams	Methuen
Metamorphosis	Franz Kafka	Penguin Modern Classics
Interpreter of Maladies	Jhumpa Lahiri	Flamingo
The Scarlet Letter	Nathaniel Hawthorne	Penguin Classics
Heart of Darkness	Joseph Conrad	Penguin Classics
Terminale		
Woman Warrior	Maxine Hong Kingston	any edition
Hagseed	Margaret Atwood	any edition
The Tempest	Shakespeare	New Cambridge
Selected Poems	Robert Frost	Oxford
The Great Gatsby	Scott Fitzgerald	Penguin Modern Classics

Enjoying literature is an ongoing process and we strongly encourage you to not only read for the course but also for your own pleasure. For those who are concerned about the level of their English expression, reading is an excellent way to improve one's writing skills.

Summer Assignment (based on the novel Heart of Darkness):

Make a visual representation (collage, map) that symbolizes the journey(s) of Kurtz/narrator from Belgium to the heart of Africa (include quotes and symbols)

1st graded assignment based on solid visual and written reference to the text.

For extra fun, see the movie *Apocalypse Now* which is based on the novel.

Summer reading in preparation for Première:

Please read *Heart of Darkness*, *Intimate Apparel*, *Things Fall Apart* and over the summer.

Here is the remainder of your reading program:

To read over Toussaint:

The Bluest Eye and *Streetcar Named Desire*

To read over Christmas:

Interpreter of Maladies

To read over the winter holidays:

The Scarlet Letter

To read over the Easter holidays (both easily found and downloaded from the internet, simply 'Google' the title):

James Baldwin's 'A stranger in the Village' from Notes of a Native Son

To read in the summer of 2019 for Terminale:

The Metamorphosis

Hag-seed

Woman Warrior

Before the end of February break of Terminale year:

The Great Gatsby