

THE AMERICAN OPTION

LIST OF BOOKS TO PURCHASE: Please make sure you buy the **New Cambridge edition for The Tempest.**

For the other books, buy the edition mentioned below whenever possible.

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 Handmaid's Tale	Margaret Atwood	Vintage
A Streetcar Named Desire	Tennessee Williams	Methuen
The Great Gatsby	Scott Fitzgerald	Penguin Modern Classics
Interpreter of Maladies	Jhumpa Lahiri	Flamingo
Notes of a Native Son (suggested but not compulsory)	James Baldwin	any edition
Heart of Darkness	Joseph Conrad	Penguin Classics
Terminale		
The Bluest Eye	Toni Morrison	Vintage
Hagseed	Margaret Atwood	any edition
The Tempest	Shakespeare	New Cambridge
Selected Poems	Robert Frost	Oxford

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*):

- Read *Heart of Darkness*
- Make a visual representation (collage, map) that symbolizes the journey (geographical and moral) of the narrator from Belgium to the heart of Africa (include quotes and symbols)
Also pay close attention to how Africans are depicted in the novel.

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.

- In addition, read *Things Fall Apart* and *Intimate Apparel* over the summer.

Here is the remainder of your reading program:

To read over Toussaint:

The Handmaid's Tale and *Streetcar Named Desire*

To read over Christmas:

The Great Gatsby

To read over the winter holidays:

Interpreter of Maladies

To read over the Easter holidays

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

To read in the summer of 2021 for Terminale:

Hag-seed

The Bluest Eye