



**Dublin Jerome Summer Reading
International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme
English: Higher Level Year 2
2017-2018**

Due to the nature of the IB Programme, the selection of texts may vary among the three high school buildings. The texts included are specific to DUBLIN JEROME.

IB English takes a different approach to Summer Reading. Provided is the course reading list (in the order we read them) for Year 2. While there are fewer novels, the IB Assessments associated with these texts required a high level of knowledge and application. Because of this, the summer reading assignment is to read as many of the texts ahead of time as you can. While reading, you should read for content, make any annotations you find helpful and develop knowledge of the text. While this will not be a substitute for reading and/or reviewing when we cover the texts in class, it will provide a framework that will set you up for a successful reading experience in the course. Many students find their reading comprehension improves when approaching the course this way.

Semester 1

- *A Streetcar Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams
- *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood
- Collected Poetry of Ted Hughes (From *The Hawk in the Rain* and *Birthday Letters*)—packets will be provided in class

Semester 2

- *Hamlet* by William Shakespeare
- *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead* by Tom Stoppard
- *Waiting for Godot* by Samuel Beckett
- *The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde

In thinking about reading priority, I suggest to read the texts in the following order:

1. *A Streetcar Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams—refrain from viewing the film until after you read the play
2. *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood
3. The plays in the order we read them.

These are the longest and most complex texts and ones that are for IB Assessments. I would also read the entire text before starting a new one. It is not as beneficial to read parts of multiple ones.

See me in C114 or email me at beatty_magen@dublinschools.net with any questions!

See you in August!!

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