

IB SL Literature & Language -- Year Two
Summer Assignment 2024
(Rising Seniors)

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Purpose: The purpose of this assignment is to encourage wide reading and prepare students to revise college essays. This assignment is **required** for rising IB SL seniors.

Estimated time to complete this assignment: ~6 hours

Assessment: Submission of college essay; be prepared to write a Paper 2 essay on chosen literary work upon return to school

Tasks:

1. Read a body of work by **one** author of your choice from the list below.
 - **Body of work:** novel, play, collection of 10 short stories by the same author, 15-20 poems by the same poet.
 - Be prepared to write a Paper 2 essay on the chosen work upon return from summer.
2. Write a rough draft of a college essay [in response to one of these prompts from Common App.](#)

Authors from the IB Prescribed Reading List List (PRL)

- Adichie, Chimamanda Ngozi
- Akhmatova, Anna
- Allende, Isabelle
- Alvarez, Julia
- Atwood, Margaret
- Austen, Jane
- Baldwin, James
- Bronte, Emily
- Brooks, Gwendolyn
- Butler, Octavia
- Chopin, Kate
- Coetzee, J.M.
- Cortazar, Julio
- Darwish, Mahmoud
- Diaz, Junot
- Dickens, Charles
- Dickinson, Emily
- Duffy, Carol Ann

- Dylan, Bob
- Eliot, George
- Faulkner, William
- Garcia Marquez, Gabriel
- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang von
- Gogol, Nikolai
- Ibsen, Henrik
- Joyce, James
- Kanafani, Ghassan
- Kazuo, Ishiguro
- Kincaid, Jamaica
- Lahiri, Jhumpa
- Lee, Li-Young
- Lennon, John
- Mahfouz, Naguib
- Maupassant, Guy de
- Mitchell, Joni
- Morrison, Toni
- Neruda, Pablo
- Orwell, George
- Plath, Sylvia
- Shafak, Elif
- Shakespeare, William
- Tolstoy, Leo
- Vargas Llosa, Mario
- Vonnegut, Kurt
- Whitman, Walt
- Woolf, Virginia
- Wright, Richard
- Yoshimoto, Banana

If you are not excited by this selection of authors, you may peruse the [complete IB Prescribed Reading List](#). Remember that for this assignment: the body of work must be a novel, play, collection of short stories (10) or collection of poems (15-20).