

# Royal West Academy

## Grade 11

### 2021 Summer Reading List & Instructions

#### Selections:

*All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr  
*Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng  
*Parable of the Sower* by Octavia E. Butler  
*The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce  
*The Bell Jar* by Sylvia Plath  
*Moon of the Crusted Snow* by Waubgeshig Rice

You may read as many books from the list as you wish, but you **must read two (2)**. You are expected to read the books carefully to prepare for your summer reading assessment which will take place over the course of September.

#### Grade 11 summer reading assessment:

1. You will write a literary essay based on one of the books you read (C3 evaluation). You will write this essay in class during the first few weeks of school.
2. For the second book, you will complete a close reading assignment which will involve specific questions and/or quotes (C2 evaluation). Please be advised that your test will be during the first school cycle.

**IMPORTANT information:** All students will be required to complete the *RWA Summer Reading Reflection* document. This document will be made available to all students on the RWA website and is a standard document for all grade levels. The purpose of the reflection is to think critically about the novel and be creative. Detailed instructions are on the document itself. The document will not be collected on the first day back, but expect to submit it sometime during the first cycle.

Knowing the types of assessment, you should make a decision as to which book you want to write an essay on and which book you want to do the test on before school begins. As such, you should also take the necessary steps to prepare for the tasks ahead of time (i.e. perhaps start thinking of thesis statement ideas for the book you're basing your essay on). You are encouraged to take some notes while reading. Highlighting or marking off key passages is a good idea, as is jotting down some notes while reading. This is not mandatory, but highly encouraged.

Please note that some of these books have mature themes; we encourage students to consult reviews and/or speak to their teachers to make sure the books they choose to read are a good fit.

Have a great summer and happy reading!

