

# Royal West Academy - Grade 11

## 2024 Summer Reading List & Instructions

You must read **two** of the following selections:

**All the Light We Cannot See** by Anthony Doerr

**Five Little Indians** by Michelle Good

**Little Fires Everywhere** by Celeste Ng

**Such a Fun Age** by Kiley Reid

**The Bell Jar** by Sylvia Plath

**The Maid** by Nita Prose

**The Measure** by Nikki Erlick

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.

We encourage students to take notes as they read their Summer Reading novels. Students are invited to consult the **Note Taking Guide**, published alongside our Summer Reading lists, on our school website. This guide will be published at the time of our school book fair (the week of May 9th).

Knowing the types of assessment, you should make a decision as to which book you want to write the 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 (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!