

IB English HL 1, 2020-2021 Summer Reading Assignment

Required Texts

The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt

Candide by Voltaire

Me Talk Pretty One Day by David Sedaris

I **highly** suggest obtaining a copy of the books that you will be able to keep. This way, you can write your own notes in the book, and you can keep it as part of your own literary library – a good practice for any honors student. Furthermore: each of these 3 texts will be an integral part of IB assessments throughout your time in IB English; it would behoove you to have access to a copy down the road. The Used Copies portion of Amazon and thriftbooks.com have very affordable options; there's no reason for you to buy a brand-new copy.

BUT, if you find that you can't obtain a copy of your own, you have some options:

1. If you don't have a library card, GET ONE! (Fun fact: Cincinnati has the most-used library system IN THE COUNTRY.) You can get a download-only card here: <https://www.cincinnati.library.org/account/application.aspx>, then
2. Download the Libby app to the device of your choice (I use my phone, for what that's worth), then
3. Enter your library card info, then
4. Download the summer reading book(s) you need. You may need to place a hold--so at the very least, put holds in ASAP in case there's a longer wait time.

OR

1. You can access all 3 books as full PDFs online, via the following links:
 - a. *Goldfinch*: I have a PDF that I will post to the classroom
 - b. *Candide*: <https://www.gutenberg.org/files/19942/19942-h/19942-h.htm>
 - c. *Me Talk Pretty*: https://todhartman.files.wordpress.com/2014/01/me-talk-pretty-one-day-sedaris_-david.pdf
2. That said--I don't necessarily recommend this unless you are 1,000% absolutely desperate. Reading a full book on a laptop is rough. Plus, it's bad for your eyes. (I think; it sounds like something my grandma would say, so it feels true.)

Additionally--I do NOT recommend waiting until the end of the summer to start on these assignments. *The Goldfinch* alone clocks in at 771 pages. You would be doing yourself a disservice. I solemnly swear that I have selected texts that are interesting/engaging/can be read relaxing in the sun--but you've got to give yourself enough time to read them in full.

And that's it, honestly. You need to read the books. Like, *actually read them*. I would highly recommend that you mark up the text, if you have your own copy of the book, and making notes about quotes/things that stand out to you, if you are using a digital copy.

You should also anticipate being assessed over these works during the first few days back to school, and to look at them in greater detail during the first month or so of the quarter.

Pertinent Passwords/Info

The Google Classroom code for IB English 2020-2021 is 4ixdpyv. I think most of you are probably already on there, from when I created the Classroom back in the spring. If you somehow missed it (or I somehow missed you), go ahead and join!

My email address is klampe@vikingmail.org. I try to respond to emails in a timely fashion, BUT it's still summer, so don't freak out if I don't get back to you within 24 hours.