

Summer reading 2025 for pupils going into Seconde Européenne

If you wish to progress in English you must get into the habit of reading regularly: articles, short stories, novels and so on. **We would like you to read the following book over the summer.** Please do not leave your reading to the last week. **You will have a written test on the novel in September** (storyline, characters, setting, themes, point of view, tone). You can buy the paper version, or you can read it online (https://sbcecrewsnews.weebly.com/uploads/2/0/6/8/20680048/raskin_1978_the_westing_game.pdf)

COMPULSORY READING: The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin

YOU MUST READ THE BOOK **IN ENGLISH, DON'T READ A STUDY GUIDE of the novel.**

Other READING ideas if you want to improve your English.

The Time Traveler's Wife by Audrey Niffenegger

The story follows Henry DeTamble, a Chicago librarian with a paranormal genetic disorder that causes him to randomly time travel as he tries to build a romantic relationship with Clare Abshire, who would become his wife.

Girl, Missing by Sophie McKenzie

Lauren has always known she was adopted but when a little research turns up the possibility that she was snatched from an American family as a baby, suddenly Lauren's life seems like a sham. How can she find her biological parents? And are her adoptive parents really responsible for kidnapping her?

The Fault in Our Stars, by John Green

Despite the tumour-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few more years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis. But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at the Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten.

The Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger

With the author's death, the classic novel about young Holden Caulfield's disillusionment with the adult world and its "phoniness" will only rise in popularity — and controversy, since it is a favourite target of censors, who often cite profanity and sexual references in their efforts to ban the book.

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return.