

Survey of American Literature (English 11)

Reading List for 2026-2027

**Required Summer Reading: *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*
by Mitch Albom**

**** You will have a test on *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* on
the FIRST day of school.**

***** We will also be doing graded activities with the novel, so it is
imperative that you read the novel!**

Selections for the rest of the year:

The Catcher in the Rye – J. D. Salinger

The Scarlet Letter – Nathaniel Hawthorne

Ethan Frome – Edith Wharton

A Death in the Family – James Agee

The Sea Wolf – Jack London

The Old Man and the Sea – Ernest Hemingway

A Farewell to Arms – Ernest Hemingway

Billy Budd – Herman Melville

The Beekeeper's Apprentice – Laurie King

Too Far – Mike Lupica

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time – Mark Haddon

Catch-22 – Joseph Heller

Rifles for Watie – Harold Keith

Bull Run – Paul Fleischman

Soldier's Heart – Gary Paulson

Friday Night Lights – H. G. Bissinger

The Joy Luck Club – Amy Tan

Nights of Rain and Stars – Maeve Binchy

The Great Gatsby – F. Scott Fitzgerald

Fallen Angels – Walter Dean Myers

Son of the Mob – Gordon Korman

The Last Runaway – Tracy Chevalier

Death of a Salesman – Arthur Miller

The House of Dies Drear – Virginia Woolf

The House on Mango Street – Sandra Cisneros

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings – Maya Angelou

Ragtime – E. L. Doctorow

Big Trouble– Dave Barry

A Thousand Splendid Suns – Khaled Hosseini

Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant – Anne Tyler

Senioritis – Tate Thompson

The Art of Racing in the Rain – Garth Stein

A Brief Chapter in My Impossible Life – Dana Reinhart

The Secret Life of Bees – Sue Monk Kidd

Flowers for Algernon– Daniel Keyes

