

## Summer reading 2022 for 2nde European pupils going into Première

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** on which you may have a test in September. Please do not leave your reading to the last week. **The book review is to be handed back in September.** (Do NOT cut and paste from Internet, teachers use the same sites as pupils to prepare their classes and so recognise when you have plagiarised!!!)

### COMPULSORY READING

- ***Kes***, Barry Hines, 1968

#### Book Review:

1. Brief synopsis of the plot (60 words)
2. Name 2 themes developed in the novel and say how they are dealt with (120-150 words)
3. Explain the author's message and its possible links with his biography (50 words)
4. Would you recommend the novel to someone? Why? (50 words)

#### Other ideas :

##### Intermediate reading:

*Middle Passage*, Charles Johnson

In 1830, a freed slave stows away on a slave ship that picks up a cargo comprising largely of an ancient tribe of magicians and begins an extraordinary journey.

*Monster*, Walter Dean Myers

While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, sixteen year old Steve records his experiences in prison and in the court room in the form of a film script

*Ender's Game*, Orzson Scott Card

After Earth is twice attacked by aliens, the world government begins breeding military geniuses, one of whom is Ender Wiggin.

*The Chocolate War*, Robert Cormier

A powerful novel about a young high school student who refuses to be intimidated by the society and people around him.

The Hunger Games Trilogy (*The Hunger Games*, *Catching Fire* and *Mockingjay*), Suzanne Collins

In a futuristic America where The Capitol rules dictatorially over the whole country, Katniss Everdeen's life is changed forever when she becomes her district's competitor for the annual Hunger Games.

##### Advanced reading:

*I Capture the Castle*, Dodie Smith

Cassandra's falling apart family lives in a falling down castle. When rich American men move in nearby, things start to change.

*Red-Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution*, Ji-Ji Jiang

Told with simplicity, this unforgettable memoir gives a child's eye view of a terrifying time in the 20<sup>th</sup> century

*Haroun and the Sea of Stories*, Salman Rushdie

Haroun unintentionally stopped time when he froze his father's esteemed storytelling ability. Now he seeks to undo his error on a quest through a magical realm.

*This Side of Paradise*, F. Scott Fitzgerald

The novel that made Fitzgerald famous. The story of Amory Blaine, a young man and his successes and failures through prep school, Princeton and World War I. Much romance, lots of drinking and some corruption.