

Summer Reading 2023

English 11

Canisius High School

In English 11, we look at the progress of American history through the lens of literature of all kinds, including poems, sermons, letters, autobiographies, short stories, and novels. This year's English 11 summer reading assignment is intended to encourage you to embrace reading for enjoyment, introducing you to a contemporary American novel that will hopefully excite your interest in reading.

Please read **ONE** novel from the list below. You may choose whatever format you prefer (e.g. ebook, paperback). When we return to school in September, you will have an assignment that will give you the opportunity to demonstrate your understanding of the text that you have chosen.

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|  <p>The cover features a desert landscape with a road leading into the distance. Two figures are walking away from the viewer. The title '96 MILES' is in large, bold, blue letters. The author's name 'J. L. ESPLIN' is at the bottom. A quote from Gary S. Schmidt is at the top. A 'JLG' logo is in the bottom right corner.</p> <p>ISBN-10: 1250192285 ISBN-13: 978-1250192288</p> | <p>96 Miles, by J. L. Esplin</p> <p>21 days without power. Two brothers on a desperate trek. 72 hours before time runs out...</p> <p>The Lockwood brothers are supposed to be able to survive anything. Their dad, a hardcore believer in self-reliance, has stockpiled enough food and water at their isolated Nevada home to last for months. But when they are robbed of all their supplies during a massive blackout while their dad is out of town, John and Stew must walk 96 miles in the stark desert sun to get help. Along the way, they're forced to question their dad's insistence on self-reliance and ask just what it is that we owe to our neighbors, to our kin, and to ourselves.</p> <p>-Amazon</p> |
|  <p>The cover features a black background with a yellow football helmet in the center. Confetti and streamers are scattered around the helmet. The title 'JAKE, REINVENTED' is in large, white, bold letters. The author's name 'GORDON KORMAN' is at the bottom. A quote 'PARTY LIKE A GATSBY' is at the top. A 'NEW YORK TIMES BEST-SELLING AUTHOR' badge is above the author's name.</p> <p>ISBN-10: 1484798422 ISBN-13: 978-1484798423</p> | <p>Jake, Reinvented, by Gordon Korman</p> <p>There is a mysterious new student at Fitzgerald High, Jake Garret. He seems to have it all figured out. He looks like he just stepped off the cover of the J. Crew catalog, he is the best kicker the football team has ever had, and best of all, he hosts the party to go to every Friday night. All the guys want to be like him and all the girls want to date him, but Jake only has eyes for Didi, the girlfriend of alpha male and quarterback, Todd Buckley. As Jake's friend Rick gets to know him, he at first admires him, then starts to like him, but soon grows to fear for him as he learns Jake's dangerous secret. From beloved young adult author Gordon Korman, comes a new look at age-old themes about popularity, acceptance, and human nature.</p> <p>-Amazon</p> |



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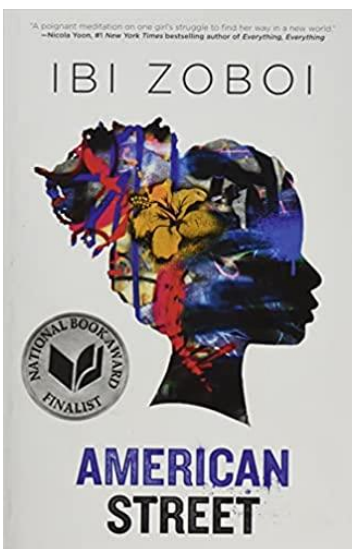
***Catfishing on CatNet*, by Naomi Kritzer**

From Hugo and *Locus* Award-winning author Naomi Kritzer, *Catfishing on CatNet* is a thought-provoking near future YA thriller that could not be more timely as it explores issues of online privacy, artificial intelligence, and the power and perils of social networks.

Because her mom is always on the move, Steph hasn't lived anyplace longer than six months. Her only constant is an online community called CatNet—a social media site where users upload cat pictures—a place she knows she is welcome. What Steph *doesn't* know is that the admin of the site, CheshireCat, is a sentient A.I.

When a threat from Steph's past catches up to her and CheshireCat's existence is discovered by outsiders, it's up to Steph and her friends, both online and IRL, to save her.

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***American Street*, by Ibi Zoboi**

In this stunning debut novel, Pushcart-nominated author Ibi Zoboi draws on her own experience as a young Haitian immigrant, infusing this lyrical exploration of America with magical realism and *vodou* culture. On the corner of American Street and Joy Road, Fabiola Toussaint thought she would finally find *une belle vie*—a good life.

But after they leave Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Fabiola's mother is detained by U.S. immigration, leaving Fabiola to navigate her loud American cousins, Chantal, Donna, and Princess; the grittiness of Detroit's west side; a new school; and a surprising romance, all on her own.

Just as she finds her footing in this strange new world, a dangerous proposition presents itself, and Fabiola soon realizes that freedom comes at a cost. Trapped at the crossroads of an impossible choice, will she pay the price for the American dream?