

LFA SIA Book List 2026-2027

2e ACL/Literature:



Seconde Summer Reading List 2026

Please choose **one** or **two** of these books to read over the summer. You'll be asked to talk about one of the two books in September during a short presentation.

What do you want to read?	Then try one of these!
I want a page turner to read beside the pool.	'Little Fires Everywhere' - Celeste Ng 'Instructions for a Heatwave' - Maggie O'Farrell 'Such a Fun Age' - Kiley Reid 'Anita and Me' - Meera Syal 'The Island' - Victoria Hislop 'The Horse Whisperer' - Nicholas Evans
I want to escape into a fantasy world.	'The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy' - Douglas Adams 'Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?' - Philip K. Dick 'The Hobbit' - J R R Tolkien 'Jonathan Strange and Mr Norrell' - Susanna Clarke 'All Our Hidden Gifts' - Caroline O'Donoghue
I want to read inspiring voices.	'The Diary of a Young Girl' - Anne Frank 'I Am Malala' - Malala Yousafzai 'No One Is Too Small to Make a Difference' - Greta Thunberg 'All Boys Aren't Blue' - George M Johnson 'Becoming' - Michelle Obama
I want to read a play by Shakespeare.	'The Taming of the Shrew' 'Othello' 'Romeo and Juliet' 'Hamlet' 'Twelfth Night' 'The Merchant of Venice'
I want to read non-fiction about adventure and travel.	'Neither Here nor There' - Bill Bryson 'Touching the Void' - Joe Simpson 'Between a Rock and a Hard Place' - Aron Ralston 'Wild' - Cheryl Strayed 'The Perfect Storm' - Sebastian Junger

I want to read exciting fiction.	'The Call of the Wild' - Jack London 'Lord of the Flies' - William Golding 'Holes' - Louis Sachar 'You Should see me in a Crown' - Leah Johnson 'Spies' - Michael Frayn 'Noughts and Crosses' – Malorie Blackman 'Life of Pi' – Yann Martel 'The Hate U Give' - Angie Thomas
I want to find out more about current political events #blacklivesmatter #metoo #climatechange	'Why I'm No Longer Talking To White People About Race' - Reni Eddo-Lodge 'The Good Immigrant' - ed. Nikesh Shukla 'Between The World and Me' - Ta-Nehisi Coates 'Girl Up' by Laura Bates 'Why We Should All Be Feminists' - Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie 'No one is too small to make a difference' Greta Thunberg 'The Story of More' - Hope Jahren
I want something with pictures!	'Maus' - Art Spiegelman 'Persepolis' - Marjane Satrapi 'Watchmen' - Alan Moore 'This One Summer' - Mariko Tamaki 'Nimona' - Noelle Stevenson 'American Born Chinese' - Gene Luen Yang
I want to be challenged by a classic novel.	'Wuthering Heights' - Emily Bronte 'Jane Eyre' - Charlotte Bronte 'Pride and Prejudice' - Jane Austen 'Great Expectations' - Charles Dickens '1984' - George Orwell 'The Picture of Dorian Gray' - Oscar Wilde 'The Grapes of Wrath' - John Steinbeck 'Little Women' - Louisa May Alcott 'Catcher in the Rye' - J D Salinger
I want something to take me on an emotional rollercoaster.	'Homegoing' - Yaa Gyasi 'The Fault in our Stars' - John Green 'Wonder' - R J Palacio 'The Book Thief' - Markus Kusak 'A Monster Calls' - Patrick Ness 'Angela's Ashes' - Frank McCourt 'The Remains of the Day' - Kazuo Ishiguro 'Black Boy' by Richard Wright

The following books will be useful reference books for the three years at LFA:

Shakespeare on Toast by Ben Crystal

The Art of Fiction by David Lodge.

A list of books to be studied in class will be distributed in September.

2e History/Geography:

History and Geography textbooks will be distributed by the LFA. In the meantime, keep up on current events through regular consultation of reliable sources such as the BBC, The New York Times, The Economist.

1e ACL/Literature:

Books to Purchase for Study

Language and Literature - SIA 2025-2026

Students entering in 1ere and Terminale in September 2026 should purchase and read the following books over the summer..

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William Shakespeare: **Twelfth Night** The New Cambridge Shakespeare ISBN 10- 1107565464

Ian McEwan: **Atonement** ISBN 978-0-099-42979-1

Maya Angelou: **I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings** ISBN : 978-0-349-00599-7

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Charles Dickens: **Great Expectations** OUP ISBN-10 : 0199219761 ISBN-13 : 978-0199219766

Brian Friel: **Dancing at Lughnasa** Faber & Faber. ISBN-10 : 0571385370 ISBN-13 : 978-0571385379

Terminale History/Geography:

Textbooks will be distributed by the LFA in September. In the meantime, keep up on current events through regular consultation of reliable sources such as the BBC, The New York Times, The Economist and consult the list below for additional resources to consult.

Geography : useful videos for the terminale curriculum

Arctic region (+ Chinese Belt and Road strategy)

Tensions rise as nations race for valuable resources in the Arctic (PBS NewsHour, 24 avr. 2023) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HQQ1h8rN57c>

How Russia is taking control of the Arctic | It's Complicated (The Guardian, 25 janv. 2024) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EZOWbWuMKDI>

The race for the Arctic is ramping up. Here's why. (DW Planet A, 25 nov. 2022) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hvRzWzQW2go>

South China Sea

Why the South China Sea Could Spark a US-China War (Bloomberg Original, 24 avr. 2024) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ex0JOwR4MN4>

South China Sea dispute: Explained, SBS News 10 juin 2024 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sq_hj-bcYzw

Chine : la mer, la puissance et le (non) droit – (Le Dessous des cartes | ARTE, 3 sept. 2022) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KMkQkOKPCJ0>

Red Sea and Persian Gulf

Source : Le dessous des cartes - L'essentiel (Arte)

Attaques en mer Rouge : le commerce mondial dérouté (24 janv. 2024) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6_2IPvQM4II

Chokepoints

Every Global Trade Chokepoint Explained, TDLR news 11 janv. 2024 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h2M6lbuhQrE>

Détroit d'Ormuz : quel blocage ? (4-03-26)

<https://www.arte.tv/fr/videos/126925-035-A/le-dessous-des-cartes-l-essentiel/>

Les détroits : un enjeu stratégique (14-04-26)

<https://www.arte.tv/fr/videos/126925-058-A/le-dessous-des-cartes-l-essentiel/>

Global trade and Chinese Belt and road initiative

A look at what lies ahead for China's Belt and Road Initiative (CNA, 16 oct.

2023) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TSigMyjoA5A>

Commerce mondial : crises et fragmentations

<https://www.arte.tv/fr/videos/114573-010-A/le-dessous-des-cartes/>

<https://transportgeography.org/>

History resources :

Useful website : <https://www.the-map-as-history.com/> (LFA78, mdp : histoire)

- **Europe and nations (1918-1942) :** New Crises 1929-1942/Italy in the 1930s/Dismantlement of Czechoslovakia (1938-1939)/Poland Conquered and Dismantled (1939-1941)/France: From the Third Republic to the Vichy Regime
- **The second World War, 1939-1945 :** Moving towards War/German Europe in 1942/The Final Solution (The Holocaust, The Shoah)
- **The Cold War and Confrontation between East and West 1947-1991 (most of the maps)**
- **The Middle East since the beginning of the 20th century**
- **Europe and nations since 1945 (most of the maps)**

History resources

Text book on the impact of the peace treaties after WW1 :

https://www.hoddereducation.co.uk/media/Documents/International/New%20IGCSE%20and%20A%20Level%20Sample%20Chapters%20for%202018/421189_Cambridge_IGCSE_O_Level_History_SAMPLE_WEB.pdf

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Terminale Connaissance du Monde:

There is no set reading for CdeM. However, you might consider using the summer holidays to advance your research. Also, if you haven't got a mentor to help advise you, then continue to reach out to potential mentors. A final detailed outline will be due by the end of September.

Looking forward to seeing you in September!