

# Lassiter High School \*Optional\* Summer Reading 2025

~ Honors English I ~

*Enhance your reading skills this summer!*

Reading is an essential skill that opens a world of possibilities. It allows you to gain knowledge, learn new perspectives, and develop critical thinking skills. Moreover, reading helps to improve your vocabulary, writing, and verbal communication. Books span many genres, including fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. Literature has the power to offer a unique perspective on the world and will undoubtedly broaden your horizons.

Our suggested book for you to read this summer is *Animal Farm* by George Orwell. *Animal Farm* is a powerful allegory (a text where characters, settings, and events represent broader ideals, often moral or political) that uses animals on a farm to explore the dangers of totalitarianism and the corruption of power. Orwell's simple yet profound tale helps readers understand the importance of informed and independent thinking. A brief history on the Russian Revolution is important when reading this book as it will help you understand who the characters represent. Check out this quick summary: [Animal Farm Historical Context](#)

We encourage you to take the time to read this summer, as reading is an essential skill that will benefit you throughout your life. Keeping your reading skills sharp will serve you well, and this book will lay the groundwork for future high school literary scholarship.

*Note: There is no assignment and no grade attached to the reading of this book; it is for enrichment purposes.*

