12th Grade

The teachers of senior electives offer translated works of comparative and world literature that will broaden their students’ literary experience. The elective instructors also believe that these works will prove enjoyable as well as helpful to their students’ growth as readers. Over the summer rising seniors should read three books, one required and two chosen from the list. On his honor a student should not select a book that he has already read. Students will be tested on all three books on the first or second day of class in August.

Required:
The Stranger, Albert Camus (French)

Choose two:
The Garden of the Finzi-Continis, Giorgio Bassani (Italian)  
Don Quixote (Edith Grossman translation), Miguel Cervantes (Spanish)  
The Cherry Orchard and The Seagull (Paul Schmidt translations), Anton Chekhov (Russian)  
Crime and Punishment (Pevear & Volokhonsky translation), Fyodor Dostoevsky (Russian)  
The Demons, also known as The Possessed (Pevear & Volokhonsky translation), Fyodor Dostoevsky (Russian)  
Brand, Henrik Ibsen (Norwegian)  
Snow Country, Yasunari Kawabata (Japanese)  
The Unbearable Lightness of Being, Milan Kundera (Czech)  
Love in the Time of Cholera, Gabriel Garcia Marquez (Colombian)  
Rickshaw Boy (Goldblatt 2010 translation), Lao She (Chinese)  
The Gulag Archipelago (author’s official abridged version), Aleksandr Solzhenitzyn (Russian)

FAQ: How can I remember in August details from a novel I read in June?

Answer: To read your teachers’ answer to this question, please click here if viewing the reading list online. If you are using a printed copy of the list, please see the last page.