

Summer Reading Assignments 2026-2027

BJHS 9th Regular & Honors English 9:

The Hobbit
by J.R.R. Tolkien

JCHS 9th Regular:

The Hobbit
by J.R.R. Tolkien

Honors English 9:

Animal Farm
by George Orwell

Standards

Critical Literacy	Digital Literacy	Language Literacy	Research Literacy
CL.R.1 CL.E.9 CL.R.2 CL.E.11 CL.R.4	DL.R.12 DL.E.14 DL.E.15	LL.R.16 LL.R.17 LL.E.19	RL.R.22 RL.E. 24

Overview of the 9th grade Summer Reading Unit:

Ninth-grade students will use the summer reading texts to further develop their skill to cite text evidence to support analysis of what the text says and what is inferred from the text. They will also use these texts to determine a theme of a text and analyze its development. The design of this unit teaches students to determine the meaning of words and phrases, along with teaching students how to determine how certain words impact meaning and tone. Students will grow to understand how the authors of these texts use structure, order, and time to create various effects throughout the story.

Along with text analysis skills, students will continue to hone their writing abilities by writing informative, explanatory, and narrative texts, focusing on how to organize their ideas into a cohesive and coherent product. Through the summer reading texts, students will also learn how to produce writing and publish projects (both individual and collaborative) that are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience. In this unit, teachers will show students how to develop and strengthen their writing as well. This involves planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. The summer reading unit allows students to also write routinely as the teachers establish how students should approach writing tasks.

Additionally, this unit will allow teachers to set expectations and standards for student use of digital media and strategies that enhance their engagement and learning. Students will begin to utilize digital tools for their writing, discussion, and publishing purposes.