

OIB Literature course – SECONDE

Welcome to Seconde OIB! We're very excited to meet you in September and study some great works of literature together.

In the meantime here is some information about the literature course you will follow.

Books to buy

The Seconde Literature class does not use a textbook. Instead we require that you purchase the following books for September with the hope that you will cherish them forever. Get the right editions to be able to follow in class. The books are:

- *New Boy*, Tracy Chevalier, Hogarth Shakespeare.
- *The Great Gatsby*, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Penguin Classics. ISBN-13: 978-0141182636
- *The Murders in the Rue Morgue and Other Tales*, Edgar Allan Poe, Penguin Classics. You can use any edition that has the following stories or print them yourself from online sources like this one: <http://www.online-literature.com/poe/> . The stories are: “**The Murders in the Rue Morgue**,” “**The Black Cat**,” “**The Oval Portrait**,” “**Ligeia**,” “**The Fall of the House of Usher**,” “**The Pit and the Pendulum**,” and “**The Cask of Amontillado**.”
- *Macbeth*, William Shakespeare, Oxford School Shakespeare, Oxford University Press. ISBN 978-0-19-832400-3

Your compulsory Summer Reading assignment

Summer Reading is a time-honored American tradition. Its goal is to get you reading great books that you might not otherwise be drawn to, and that hopefully you will enjoy. Summer Reading is also meant to keep your brain active in English over the summer so you'll be ready to go in September. You will have to bring the books to class; no Kindles or iPads will be allowed.

1. Read *New Boy*, by Tracy Chevalier.

You will be required to write and talk about the work within the first two weeks of September. Expect a written reading test on the facts: character names, events of the plot, setting, and your reactions to the story.

2. Read *The Great Gatsby*, by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

You will have a reading test on *The Great Gatsby* by early October, so use your summer wisely to get ahead and read it carefully. You won't have time in September! There are two famous movies: the 1974 version with Robert Redford and the 2013 version with Leonardo Di Caprio. Both are great and can help you with your understanding, but you should know by now that movies are not reliable and never as good and detailed as the books. Always read the book first!

Happy reading and happy summer to you all!