

Summer Reading Overview: English 11 (US Literature)

We'll begin the 2021-2022 school year together with a poetry unit, and the poems we'll study align to the choice you made for summer reading in your US History class. The poems you'll read serve simply as an *introduction* to US poetry; note that the list of poets below is *neither* exhaustive *nor* comprehensive, but it offers you a starting point. Note, too, that the literary subjects in the poems below and the life stories of these poets often speak to intersectionality. None of the poets below limit themselves to writing about one topic or one aspect of their identity. You'll likely find a poet you're especially interested in; during the school year, you'll have the opportunity to research their entire body of work to see the many aspects of identity and lived experience included in their writing.

Part One -- Select Chapters from A Poetry Handbook (optional for the summer -- these will be assigned as homework during the first week of school, but they're available now if you're interested)		
1	A Poetry Handbook: Introduction	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vbKiSnszT5GPfw2jUXeGc7fFTGuvIVty/view?usp=sharing
2	A Poetry Handbook: Getting Ready	https://drive.google.com/file/d/15e8krntaY6oLvpBWMGEDxkgLM6vZk3u1/view?usp=sharing
3	A Poetry Handbook: Reading Poems, Imitation, Sounds	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1C62Pw1PE_KP_dthSYoQrFPcznOs5zO6/view?usp=sharing

Part Two -- How to Read a Poem; Joy Harjo, Poet Laureate (optional for the summer -- these will be assigned as homework during the first or second week of school, but they're available now if you're interested)		
1	How to Read a Poem	https://poets.org/text/how-read-poem-0
2	Joy Harjo (short biography)	https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/joy-harjo
3	Librarian of Congress Names Joy Harjo the Nation's 23rd Poet Laureate	https://www.loc.gov/item/prn-19-066/librarian-of-congress-names-joy-harjo-the-nations-23rd-poet-laureate/2019-06-19/

4	Joy Harjo's Inaugural Reading as U.S. Poet Laureate (from to 18:03 -- 42:10)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HiIJFRXxa3o

Part Three

Each of the lists below aligns to one of the summer reading texts for your 11th grade History course. Choose 1, preferably the list that aligns with the selection you've made for History.

- **3a:** [Harvest of Empire](#)
- **3b:** [Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You](#)
- **3c:** [An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States for Young People](#)
- **3d:** [A Queer History of the United States for Young People](#)

For summer reading, please:

1. Read each of the poems (grouped in tables below according to texts) quickly to determine which you find most interesting and/or enjoyable
2. Decide which 3-5 poems you'd like to study further during our first unit of the regular school year.

NOTE -- Please don't feel like you need to develop a deep, sophisticated understanding of each poem this summer; we'll complete a number of close reading assignments, informal writing sessions, and discussions during the school year, and there will be numerous opportunities to better our understanding of these poems together, during class.

3a: If you are reading <i>Harvest of Empire</i>		
Poet	Title	Link
Jimmy Santiago Baca	I Am Offering this Poem	https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/53092/i-am-offering-this-poem
Pablo Neruda	Unity	https://allpoetry.com/poem/14326614-Unity-by-Pablo-Neruda
Yesenia Montilla	a brief meditation on breath	https://poets.org/poem/brief-meditation-breath
María Luisa Arroyo	gathering words	https://poets.org/poem/gathering-words
Ada Limón	A New National Anthem	https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/147506/a-new-national-anthem

Francisca Aguirre	Penelope Unravels	https://poets.org/poem/penelope-unravels
Gloria Anzaldua	To Live in the Borderlands	https://powerpoetry.org/content/live-borderlands
Octavio Paz	Proem	https://poets.org/poem/proem
Aracelis Girmay	the luams speak of god	https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/141992/the-luams-speak-of-god
Anaïs Deal-Márquez	Our Love on the Other Side of This Border	https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poetrymagazine/poems/152508/our-love-on-the-other-side-of-this-border
Juan J. Morales	Puerto Rico Goes Dark	https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poetrymagazine/poems/155669/puerto-rico-goes-dark
elena minor	Untitled, With Rosy Inflection	https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/147214/untitled-with-rosy-inflection
Diana García	On the First Day She Made Birds	https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/53864/on-the-first-day-she-made-birds
Julia Alvarez	New Clothes	https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poetrymagazine/browse?contentId=35139
Blas Falconer	Revolution	https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poetrymagazine/poems/58861/revolution-56d23d98dba59

3b: If you are reading <i>Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You</i>		
Poet	Title	Link
Maya Angelou	Caged Birds	https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/48989/caged-bird
Rita Dove	Canary	https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/43359/canary
Claude McKay	America	https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/44691/america-56d223e1ac025
Gary Jackson	Fly	https://poets.org/poem/fly-0
Hanif Abdurraqib	Poems From An Email Exchange	https://nifmuhammad.medium.com/poems-from-an-email-exchange-ed1490fa73a1#.hoxirtssu

Robin Coste Lewis	Summer	https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/58758/summer-56d23d6ca8538
Robin Coste Lewis	Art & Craft	https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/58759/art-craft
Audre Lorde	Coal	https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/42577/coal
Nikki Grimes	Poems	https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poetrymagazine/poems/155516/poems
Marilyn Nelson	Dusting	https://poets.org/poem/dusting
Kamau Brathwaite	Guanahani, 11	https://poets.org/poem/guanahani-11
Nikky Finney	The Lyric Theatre: Lyceum of Dreams	https://poets.org/poem/lyric-theatre-lyceum-dreams
Dudley Randall	Booker T. and W.E.B.	https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/47690/booker-t-and-web
Langston Hughes	Mother to Son	https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/47559/mother-to-son
Robert Hayden	Those Winter Sundays	https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/46461/those-winter-sundays

3c: If you are reading <i>An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States for Young People</i>		
Poet/Media	Title	Link
Optional -- Podcast	Allison Adelle Hedge Coke, Linda Hogan, and Sherwin Bitsui	https://www.poetryfoundation.org/podcasts/76172/three-native-american-poets
Optional -- Heid E. Erdrich	Introduction: June 2018	https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poetrymagazine/articles/146715/introduction-5af07ff7c1b70
Sherwin Bitsui	River	https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/51859/river-56d22fe2e08fa
Allison Adelle Hedge Coke	America, I Sing You Back	https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/89062/america-i-sing-you-back
Linda Hogan	Lost in the Milky Way	https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poetrymagazine/poems/88744/lost-in-the-milky-way
Lisa D. Chavez	Walking an Old Dog	https://zingarapoet.net/2016/07/13/walking-an-old-dog-by-lisa-chavez/

Julian Talamantez Brolaski	when it rains it pours	https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poetrymagazine/poems/146694/when-it-rains-it-pours
Joseph Bruchac	Steel	https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/57809/steel
Lorna Dee Cervantes	Stenciled Memories	https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/56857/stenciled-memories
Laura Da'	Passive Voice	https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/147039/passive-voice
Orlando White	Finis	https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/58253/finis-56d23c773103e
Simon J. Ortiz	Becoming Human	https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/154284/becoming-human
Louise Erdrich	Windigo	https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/43086/windigo
Nora Marks Dauenhauer	Amelia's First Ski Run	https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/53445/amelias-first-ski-run
Trevino L. Brings Plenty	Will	https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poetrymagazine/poems/146690/will-5af07ff9bd3de
Joy Harjo	For Anna Mae Pictou Aquash, Whose Spirit Is Present Here and in the Dappled Stars	https://poetrypill.blogspot.com/2009/11/for-anna-mae-pictou-aquash-whose-spirit.html
Leslie Marmon Silko	Opening of <i>Ceremony</i>	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SCaK6h6mEfxZ1lpQdkr4Ax4c_jSgNkQ/view?usp=sharing

3d: If you are reading <i>A Queer History of the United States for Young People</i>		
Poet	Title	Link
Optional -- Ocean Vuong	Article (Ocean Vuong on why reading poetry is political) and Poem (Telemachus)	https://www.pbs.org/newshour/arts/poetry/ocean-vuong
Reinaldo Arenas	As Long as the Sky Whirls	https://bombmagazine.org/articles/two-poems-2/
Mark Doty	A Display of Mackerel	https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/47251/a-display-of-mackerel
Mary Oliver	Wild Geese	http://www.phys.unm.edu/~tw/fas/yits/archive/oliver_wildgeese.html

Cameron Awkward-Rich	Meditations in an Emergency	https://www.splitthisrock.org/poetry-database/poem/meditations-in-an-emergency
Audre Lorde	Making Love to Concrete	http://famouspoetsandpoems.com/poets/audre_lorde/poems/19833
Muriel Rukeyser	Elegy in Joy [excerpt]	https://poets.org/poem/elegy-joy-excerpt
Adrienne Rich	Tonight No Poetry Will Serve	https://poets.org/poem/tonight-no-poetry-will-serve
Xandia Phillips	No One Speaks of How Tendrils Feed on the Fruits	https://poets.org/poem/no-one-speaks-how-tendrils-feed-fruits
Joseph O. Legaspi	Vows (for a gay wedding)	https://poets.org/poem/vows-gay-wedding
Maureen N. McLane	syntax	https://poets.org/poem/syntax-0
William Meredith	Starlight	https://poets.org/poem/starlight
Pat Parker	My Lover Is a Woman	https://poets.org/poem/my-lover-woman
Sjohnna McCray	I Do	https://poets.org/poem/i-do
Rafael Campo	The Distant Moon	https://poets.org/poem/distant-moon
Joshua Jennifer Espinoza	Things Haunt	https://poets.org/poem/things-haunt
Rosamond S. King	Breathe. As in. (shadow)	https://poets.org/poem/breathe-shadow
Jen Bervin	Video (Silk Poems)	http://www.jenbervin.com/projects/silk-poems