

College English Students will be reading two novels:

One required and one choice that both address the essential question:

“How are people transformed through their relationships with others?”

Required text: *Advocate: A Graphic Memoir of Family, Community, and the Fight for Environmental Justice* by Eddie Ahn

Once again, Holy Trinity is partnering with Molloy University in a program entitled COMMON READ. The College and AP students will be reading the same novel as Molloy’s incoming freshmen. Molloy has provided copies of the book for you which were distributed in your current English class. In the fall, we will have the opportunity to take part in a discussion with the author at Molloy!

Choice text: (Choose ONE of the following 3 texts)

The Kite Runner by Khalid Hosseini

“The unforgettable, heartbreaking story of the unlikely friendship between a wealthy boy and the son of his father’s servant, caught in the tragic sweep of history, *The Kite Runner* transports readers to Afghanistan at a tense and crucial moment of change and destruction. A powerful story of friendship, it is also about the power of reading, the price of betrayal, and the possibility of redemption; and an exploration of the power of fathers over sons—their love, their sacrifices, their lies.” (Amazon Review)

Klara and the Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro

“Once in a great while, a book comes along that changes our view of the world. Here is the story of Klara, an Artificial Friend with outstanding observational qualities, who, from her place in the store, watches carefully the behavior of those who come in to browse, and of those who pass on the street outside. She remains hopeful that a customer will soon choose her. *Klara and the Sun* is a thrilling book that offers a look at our changing world through the eyes of an unforgettable narrator, and one that explores the fundamental question: what does it mean to love?” (Amazon Review)

The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates by Wes Moore

“This is the true story of two kids with the same name from the city: One went on to be a Rhodes Scholar, decorated combat veteran, White House Fellow, and business leader. The other is serving a life sentence in prison.

Told in alternating dramatic narratives that take readers from heart-wrenching losses to moments of surprising redemption, *The Other Wes Moore* tells the story of a generation of boys trying to find their way in a hostile world.” (Amazon Review)

College English students will be **required to write an essay on their choice novel upon their return to class in September and will be tested on the Ahn memoir in class.**

It is strongly recommended that you annotate and take notes on each book as you read!