

**THE AMERICAN OPTION**  
**Summer 2022 Reading List for Première**  
**(For examination in Summer 2024)**

**LIST OF BOOKS TO PURCHASE:**

Please buy **all the books** (for both Première and Terminale) now in case we decide to change the order in which we study the books.

Please make sure you buy the **New Cambridge edition for The Tempest.**  
*For the other books, buy the edition mentioned below whenever possible.*

Title	Author	Edition
<b>Première</b>		
The Great Gatsby	Scott Fitzgerald	Penguin Modern Classics
Things Fall Apart	Chinua Achebe	Penguin Modern Classics
Intimate Apparel	Lynn Nottage	Nick Hern Books ISBN 9781848424371.
The Handmaid's Tale	Margaret Atwood	Vintage
A Streetcar Named Desire	Tennessee Williams	Methuen
The Reluctant Fundamentalist	Mohsin Hamid	Penguin
Notes of a Native Son <i>(suggested but <b>not compulsory</b>)</i>	James Baldwin	any edition
<b>Terminale</b>		
The Bluest Eye	Toni Morrison	Vintage
<b>The Tempest</b>	<b>Shakespeare</b>	<b>New Cambridge</b>
Selected Poems	Robert Frost	Oxford

Enjoying literature is an ongoing process and we strongly encourage you to not only read for the course but also for your own pleasure. For those who are concerned about the level of their English expression, reading is an excellent way to improve one's writing skills.

## **Compulsory Summer 2022 Reading**

- Read *The Great Gatsby*
- Read *Things Fall Apart and Intimate Apparel*

## **Here is the remainder of your reading program:**

### **To read over Toussaint:**

*A Streetcar Named Desire*

### **To read over Christmas:**

*The Handmaid's Tale*

### **To read over the winter holidays:**

*The Reluctant Fundamentalist*

### **To read over the Easter holidays**

James Baldwin's essay 'A stranger in the Village' from *Notes of a Native Son*

### **To read in the summer of 2023 for Terminale:**

*The Bluest Eye*