

12th GRADE REQUIRED ENGLISH SUMMER READING

Daisy Miller by Henry James **and** “The Palace Thief” by Ethan Canin

You are required to have both the novella by James and the short story by Canin read by the first day of school. There will be a reading quiz on both during the first week of school. As you read, think about the questions listed below:

1. In *Daisy Miller*, what does Winterbourne come to realize about Daisy?
2. How might “Winterbourne: A Study” be an apt title for the novella?
3. What do you make of Giovanelli and do you agree with Winterbourne’s assessment of Him?
4. Is Daisy an admirable character?
5. In “The Palace Thief,” does Canin portray Hundert as a good teacher?
6. What conclusions does Canin make about power in his story?
7. What do both works suggest about morality, identity, and redemption?

Optional, but recommended:

The Stranger by Albert Camus

Great Expectations by Charles Dickens

Passage to India by E. M. Forster

Sons and Lovers by D. H. Lawrence