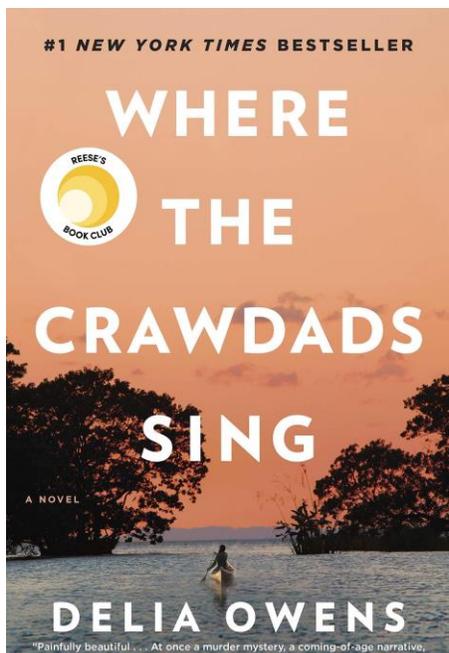


# English IV Honors and College Prep

## Summer Reading 2021

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**REQUIRED READING OF ALL STUDENTS:** *Where the Crawdads Sing*, by Delia Owens



For years, rumors of the “Marsh Girl” haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet fishing village. Kya Clark is barefoot and wild; unfit for polite society. So in late 1969, when the popular Chase Andrews is found dead, locals immediately suspect her. But Kya is not what they say. A born naturalist with just one day of school, she takes life's lessons from the land, learning the real ways of the world from the dishonest signals of fireflies.

In *Where the Crawdads Sing*, Delia Owens juxtaposes an exquisite ode to the natural world against a profound coming-of-age story and haunting mystery. Thought-provoking, wise, and deeply moving, Owens’s debut novel reminds us that we are forever shaped by the child within us, while also subject to the beautiful and violent secrets that nature keeps.

### Important Note to Students, Parents / Guardians:

This book is available from the Charleston County Public Library, at local bookstores, and many online retailers. A Kindle/E-Reader version is also acceptable to be used, provided the student can bring the electronic device to class for reference.

Students are expected to read this selection very carefully, going back and rereading as necessary to understand the plot details, characterization, point of view, symbolism, and theme. Students may review online study guides as a supplement to help you understand the texts, but only as a supplement to reading the actual book.

Although there is no written assignment due the first day of school, there will be a quiz on the reading in the first two classes. The quizzes require you to identify important passages from the novel and explain their context and significance. We will continue to study the book the first two to three weeks of school, so please bring it to class and be prepared for future assignments. Your first quarter interim grade will consist mostly of your averaged summer reading grades, so you should avoid any temptation to cut corners. I look forward to a great year together! Please do not hesitate to contact me over the summer if you have any questions or concerns.