

# Summer Reading

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*Booker T. Washington High School  
2017/2018 Rising Seniors (Grade 12)*

## **English IBHL II – *Arcadia* by Tom Stoppard**

Tom Stoppard's *Arcadia* merges science with human concerns and ideals, examining the universe's influence in our everyday lives and ultimate fates through relationship between past and present, order and disorder and the certainty of knowledge. Set in an English country house in the year 1809-1812 and 1989, the play examines the lives of two modern scholars and the house's current residents with the lives of those who lived there 180 years earlier.

### **We recommend that you:**

- **PURCHASE THE PLAY NOW!** Books can be in short supply and libraries will have long “hold” lists, especially by the end of summer.
- Go in together with a friend and share the expense and the book.
- See if the title is available for purchase in used book stores or even in local libraries.

**Take notes!** There will be a link to a model for your notes. It will be posted on the school website under the “Students” section –[btw.tulsaschools.org](http://btw.tulsaschools.org)—beginning **March 31<sup>st</sup>**.

**Expectations for the beginning of the school year** – \*As you read and take notes, look for evidence that will help you answer the question, *Is the universe an ordered or chaotic place?* \*Focusing on this question will help you prepare for class discussions and writing assignments. \*Your notes will help you prepare for the exam over the book. \*Your teacher will tell you when to turn in your notes.