

Ninth Grade

IT IS MANDATORY FOR STUDENTS TO PURCHASE NOVELS TO USE IN CLASS FOR ESSAY WRITING.

The students who are **not** in Honors classes **must** read one of the following three books. Honors students may **not** read these:

***Animal Farm* by George Orwell. (Fiction-Classic)**

George Orwell's timeless and timely allegorical novel—a scathing satire on a downtrodden society's blind march towards totalitarianism. A farm is taken over by its overworked, mistreated animals. With flaming idealism and stirring slogans, they set out to create a paradise of progress, justice and equality.

***Divergent* by Veronica Roth. (Fiction)**

Beatrice Prior's futuristic society is divided into five factions—Candor (the honest), Abnegation (the selfless), Dauntless (the brave), Amity (the peaceful) and Erudite (the intelligent). Beatrice must choose between her Abnegation family and transferring to other factions. Her choice will shock her community and herself. But the newly christened Tris also has a secret that she is determined to keep hidden because what makes you different in this world makes you dangerous.

***Lord of the Flies* by William Golding. (Fiction-Classic)**

William Golding's 1954 novel "Lord of the Flies" tells the story of a group of young boys who find themselves alone on a deserted island. They develop rules and a system of organization, but without any adults to serve as a civilizing impulse, the children eventually become violent and brutal. In the context of the novel, the tale of the boys' descent into chaos suggests that human nature is fundamentally savage.

9th Grade HONORS Students

The students in Honors classes **must** read the following novel. **Only** Honors students may read it.

***Mythology: Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes* by Edith Hamilton. (Fiction)**

Edith Hamilton's mythology succeeds like no other book in bringing to life for the modern reader the Greek, Roman and Norse myths that are the keystone of Western culture—the stories of gods and heroes that have inspired human creativity from antiquity to the present.

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***Murder on the Orient Express* by Agatha Christie. (Fiction-Classic)**

A lavish trip through Europe quickly unfolds into a race against time to solve a murder aboard a train. When an avalanche stops the Orient Express dead in its tracks, the world's greatest detective -- Hercule Poirot -- arrives to interrogate all passengers and search for clues before the killer can strike again.

***Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand. (Nonfiction)**

Unbroken is a biography of World War II hero Louis Zamperini, a former Olympic track star who survived a plane crash in the Pacific theater, spent 47 days drifting on a raft, and then survived more than two and a half years as a prisoner of war (POW) in three brutal Japanese POW camps.

***Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte (Fiction-Classic)** Orphaned into the household of her Aunt Reed at Gateshead, subject to the cruel regime at Lowood Charity School, Jane Eyre nonetheless emerges unbroken in spirit and integrity. She takes up the post of governess at Thornfield, falls in love with Mr. Rochester, and discovers the impediment to their lawful marriage in a story that transcends melodrama to portray a woman's passionate search for a wider and richer life than Victorian society traditionally allowed.

10th Grade HONORS Students

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***The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton (Fiction-Classic)**

In Ponyboy's world there are two types of people. There are the Socs, the rich society kids who get away with anything. Then there are the greasers, like Ponyboy, who aren't so lucky. Ponyboy has a few things he can count on: his older brothers, his friends, and trouble with the Socs, whose idea of a good time is beating up greasers. At least he knows what to expect-until the night things go too far.

Eleventh Grade

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***The Glass Menagerie* by Tennessee Williams. (Drama)**

The Glass Menagerie, by Tennessee Williams, is a play that grapples with the past and the expectations of others. The Wingfield family struggles with the weight of memory, their dreams and illusions, and how each of them find escape from their stifling world. *The Glass Menagerie* shows the tragedy of using fantasy to escape reality and the triumph of breaking free from the trap of illusions.

***I am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai. (Memoir)**

This book is an autobiographical book by the youngest ever winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, Malala Yousafzai. The book focuses on Malala's early life, including her father's ownership of schools and her activism. It then delves deeper into the events leading up to the attempted assassination of Malala at the hands of the Taliban, when she was just 15 years old.

***A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens. (Historical Fiction)**

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times . . ." With these famous words, Charles Dickens plunges the reader into one of history's most explosive eras—the French Revolution. From the storming of the Bastille to the relentless drop of the guillotine, Dickens vividly captures the terror and upheaval of that tumultuous period. At the center is the novel's hero, Sydney Carton, a lazy, alcoholic attorney who, inspired by a woman, makes the supreme sacrifice on the bloodstained streets of Paris. One of Dickens's most exciting novels, *A Tale of Two Cities* is a stirring classic of love, revenge, and resurrection.

11th Grade HONORS Students

The students in Honors classes **must** read the following novel. **Only** Honors students may read it.

***Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley (Science Fiction)**

Stepping far afield from his medical studies, Victor Frankenstein brings to life a human form he has fashioned from scavenged body parts. Horrified by his achievement, he turns his back on his creation, only to learn the danger of such neglect. *Frankenstein* has been hailed as both a landmark of Gothic horror fiction and the first modern science fiction story.

Twelfth Grade

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***Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens. (Fiction)**

Charles Dickens's thirteenth novel which is a bildungsroman or a coming-of-age novel, is a classic work of Victorian literature. It depicts the growth and personal development of an orphan named Pip.

***Goodbye, Mr. Chips* by James Hilton. (Fiction)**

Full of enthusiasm, young English schoolmaster Mr. Chipping came to teach at Brookfield in 1870. It was a time when dignity and a generosity of spirit still existed, and the dedicated new schoolmaster expressed these beliefs to his rowdy students. Nicknamed Mr. Chips, this gentle and caring man helped shape the lives of generation after generation of boys. He became a legend at Brookfield, as enduring as the institution itself. And sad but grateful faces told the story when the time came for the students at Brookfield to bid their final goodbye to Mr. Chips.

***The Lost World* by Arthur Conan Doyle. (Fiction)**

The hot-tempered Professor Challenger has organized an expedition to the wild jungles of South America. Together with a fellow scientist, a hunter, and a journalist, he makes his way to a volcanic plateau where they encounter creatures left over from another age. Will they be able to survive in this terrifying ancient world?

12th Grade HONORS Students

The students in Honors classes must read the following novel. Only Honors students may read it.

***Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen (Fiction)**

Pride and Prejudice is a novel by Jane Austen that satirizes issues of marriage and social class. It follows the relationship between the quick-to-judge Elizabeth Bennet and the haughty Mr. Darcy as both learn to mend their errors in judgment and look beyond markers of social status.

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Novel Assessment

*9th—12th grade students will be assigned a teacher-made test the first week of school on the book read from the Summer Reading list. This grade will be averaged in the 1st grading period of the students' English class.

While reading the literature, students need to make note of the Elements of Fiction, including but not limited to the following: setting, characters, plot (exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, resolution, and types of conflicts), point of view, theme, and symbolism.

Novel Assignment During English Course

Thinking Maps and Write...for the Future* content taught in previous English courses will be utilized in order to complete one of the following essays **during the students' English course.

****Specific essay topics will be given to you by your English teacher when school begins. ONE of the following will be assigned:**

1. Write a character analysis, focusing on character attributes, how the character changes over the course of the reading, their interactions and the author's meaning of the literature. Support your interpretation with quotations, paraphrasing, figurative language, literary devices, examples and details from the literature.
2. Write a 5 paragraph essay to exhibit comprehension of the novel read. Make connections between the thesis and supporting evidence.
3. Write a novel synopsis to exhibit your understanding of the novel read. Your focus is to outline the characters, setting, plot, conflicts and theme of your novel.
4. Create a works cited entry for the novel read.

***New Addition-Senior World History Novel**

***The Greatest Beer Run Ever* by John "Chick" Donohue, J.T. Molloy (Memoir)**

One night in 1967, twenty-six-year-old John "Chick" Donohue was out with friends. The friends gathered there had lost loved ones in Vietnam. Now they watched as anti-war protesters turned on the troops themselves. Someone should sneak into Vietnam, track down their buddies there, give them messages of support from back home, and share a few laughs over a can of beer. Chick set off on an adventure that would change his life forever—an odyssey that took him through a series of hilarious escapades and harrowing close calls, including the Tet Offensive. This is the story of that epic beer run, told in Chick's own words and those of the men he visited in Vietnam.

2023-2024

9th—12th Grades

Summer Reading Novels



English Instructors

Kaitlin Deville - English I (H) and English I

**Maxine Manuel-English II, English II (H),
English III and English III (H)**

**Jeanite Fontenot-English IV and English IV
(H)**

Dorien Ardoin-World History

