

MRS. ALLISON REED'S ENGLISH CLASSES

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS

(GRADES 11-12)

Attached are the summer reading selections and instructions for the 2025-26 school year for 11th and 12th grade students. Summer reading is required, as per the student handbook. Students who are taking a dual enrollment ENGLISH course in the FALL semester are the ONLY students who are not assigned summer reading.

Summer reading will amount to roughly one-third of the coursework for the first grading period of the school year. It is of the utmost importance that students take these reading assignments seriously.

Please contact me by email (allison.reed@stedmund.com) with any questions. Know that I am very much looking forward to the next school year with you all!

Steps to take:

- ✓ Students are responsible for obtaining a copy of the assigned book and reading it before the first day of the 2025-26 school year.
- ✓ Keep a reading log. See instructions below. This will be submitted for grading **ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF SCHOOL (Friday, August 8th) (100 points)**
- ✓ Be prepared to take an AR test within the first week of school (come to class with questions prior)
- ✓ Complete a project/essay within the first 1-2 weeks of school **(100 points)**

Summer Reading Log Instructions:

- Format: handwritten, legible journal entry log on loose leaf. Write your name, date, class, and the name of the book on the first page. Label and use a different sheet of loose leaf for each entry. You DO NOT need to skip lines, and you CAN write on the back of the pages.
- Procedure: Each book requires a minimum of one journal entry per chapter. If the book has more than 20 chapters, then a journal entry should be written for every 2 chapters. Write a two-paragraph long entry in the reading log (a paragraph is 5+ well-constructed, grade-level appropriate sentences). Entries should be dated.

Each entry should include:

- 1st paragraph- a summary of what you read (use facts and quotes from the novel)
- 2nd paragraph- a personal reflection or reaction to your reading.
(Reflections can incorporate questions about what you don't understand, predictions about what you believe is going to happen in the future, emotions that you feel while reading, personal opinions about what you are reading, comments on the author's craftsmanship, vocabulary would you have looked up, and so on)

Notes:

- Students are welcome to consult helpful websites such as *Sparknotes*, *Quizlet*, *Bookrags*, etc.; however, the assessments given will ensure students have read the actual text. Students who do not read the text will not do well on the assessments.
- Copying from SparkNotes, another student, using AI, or any other form of copying/plagiarism will result in an automatic 0 on these graded assignments.

Regular Ed. CLASSES

(Regular Ed. ONLY- See Next Page for Honors classes)

11th Grade (Regular Ed.)/English III

***Night* by Elie Wiesel (9 journal entries)**

Summary: *Night*, by Elie Wiesel, is a memoir recounting the author's experience in the Nazi concentration camps of Auschwitz, Gleiwitz, and Buchenwald during the last two years of World War II. The book was published in France in 1958; a shortened English translation was published in the United States in 1960.

Buy it here:

https://www.amazon.com/Night-Elie-Wiesel/dp/0374500010/ref=sr_1_1?crid=32SSF2IONYHD5&dchild=1&keywords=night+elie+wiesel&qid=1593037240&srefix=night+elie+%2Caps%2C186&sr=8-1

12th Grade (Regular Ed.)/English IV

***The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* by Agatha Christie (14 journal entries)**

Summary: *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* is a work of detective fiction by Agatha Christie. One of Christie's best-known works, its innovative twist ending has a significant impact on the genre. The short biography of Christie which is included in the present UK printings of all of her books states that this novel is her masterpiece.

Buy it here:

https://www.amazon.com/Murder-Roger-Ackroyd-Hercule-Poirot/dp/0593466365/ref=sr_1_10?keywords=the+murder+of+roger+ackroyd&qid=1652977743&refinements=p_n_feature_browse-bin%3A2656022011&rnid=618072011&s=books&srefix=the+murder+of+roger+%2Caps%2C105&sr=1-10

HONORS CLASSES

Note: There are TWO books assigned for Honors classes

11th Grade (Honors)/English III (H)

1. ***Night* by Elie Wiesel (9 journal entries)**

Summary: *Night*, by Elie Wiesel, is a memoir recounting the author's experience in the Nazi concentration camps of Auschwitz, Gleiwitz, and Buchenwald during the last two years of World War II. The book was published in France in 1958; a shortened English translation was published in the United States in 1960.

Buy it here:

https://www.amazon.com/Night-Elie-Wiesel/dp/0374500010/ref=sr_1_1?crid=32SSF2IONYHD5&dchild=1&keywords=night+elie+wiesel&qid=1593037240&srefix=night+elie+%2Caps%2C186&sr=8-1

2. ***To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee (16 journal entries)**

Summary: In *To Kill a Mockingbird*, author Harper Lee uses memorable characters to explore civil rights and racism in the segregated Southern United States of the 1930s. Told through the eyes of Scout Finch, you learn about her father Atticus Finch, an attorney who hopelessly strives to prove the innocence of a black man unjustly accused of rape; and about Boo Radley, a mysterious neighbor who saves Scout and her brother Jem from being killed.

Buy it here:

https://www.amazon.com/Kill-Mockingbird-Harper-Lee/dp/0060935464/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=to+kill+a+mockingbird&qid=1652978534&srefix=to+kill+%2Caps%2C103&sr=8-1

12th Grade (Honors)/ENGLISH IV (H)

1. ***The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* by Agatha Christie (14 journal entries)**

Summary: *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* is a work of detective fiction by Agatha Christie. One of Christie's best-known works, its innovative twist ending has a significant impact on the genre. The short biography of Christie which is included in the present UK printings of all of her books states that this novel is her masterpiece.

Buy it here:

https://www.amazon.com/Murder-Roger-Ackroyd-Hercule-Poirot/dp/0593466365/ref=sr_1_10?keywords=the+murder+of+roger+ackroyd&qid=1652977743&refinements=p_n_feature_browse-bin%3A2656022011&rnid=618072011&s=books&srefix=the+murder+of+roger+%2Caps%2C105&sr=1-10

2. ***The Stranger* by Albert Camus (10 journal entries)**

Summary: Through the story of an ordinary man unwittingly drawn into a senseless murder on an Algerian beach, Camus explored what he termed "the nakedness of man faced with the absurd."

Buy it here:

https://www.amazon.com/Stranger-Albert-Camus/dp/B09JJFCVL9/ref=sr_1_7?crid=13SBGAAPDRY3F&keywords=the+stranger+camus&qid=1652978602&srefix=the+stranger+camus+%2Caps%2C97&sr=8-7