

2018

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS



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SUMMER READING POLICIES

Dear Parents,

As the days continue to slip by and June swiftly approaches, students and teachers alike are looking forward to the respite offered during our annual summer break from school! You may already be planning family vacations, registering for summer camps, or simply reveling in the thought of lazy summer days....and that raises the question, already whispered among students, "Will we have to do summer reading?"

As teachers and parents ourselves, we hear your concerns— this is the summer, kids need a break, they've worked hard all year long, we don't want to have to worry about making our kids read— so we want to offer you a rationale for summer reading. Most parents realize that kids need to read more, that reading is integral to every subject they will study and to the rest of their lives. However, they hate the struggle and the complaints that are often involved with summer reading! Why is it necessary?

Stephen D. Krashen, an educator, researcher, and expert in the field of linguistics, has written over 350 articles and books on the subjects of language acquisition and reading. His findings corroborate other research which shows that high school students who read over the summer months become more literate, write more proficiently, and acquire more vocabulary. (Read more about his research on his website www.sdkrashen.com.) Other studies indicate that students who neglect summer reading may regress one to three months academically and that summer reading programs are a key to ensuring kids stay on track and are ready to continue learning on grade level in the fall. (Read some excellent studies on summer reading at Johns Hopkins University's National Summer Learning Association website, www.summerlearning.org.)

In addition to the vast quantity of research supporting summer reading programs, Hickory Grove Christian High School, a college-prep high school, endeavors to prepare students for college. If you research other college-prep high schools in the Charlotte area, especially other private schools, you will find that summer reading programs are the norm. College-prep schools realize the importance of fostering life-long reading skills in students and promoting higher expectations of students, year-round.

With HGCS's 4 X 4 block scheduling, some students will have English the fall of 2018, others the spring of 2019. All students (fall and spring semester) should read during the summer months and finish any activities associated with the reading **by the first day of fall semester**. Students need to make sure they annotate and take notes while reading. On the first day of school, a formal writing assignment will be given to all students in their first period classes on one of the *Seven* books. Both fall and spring students will be tested on their other assigned book(s) either the first or second weeks of school --depending on the Smart Lunch schedule for the 2018-2019 school year.

Please understand that we do want you to benefit from family time this summer; we do want students to enjoy a break from rigorous academics. However, we also want to help kids succeed and prepare kids for higher education and for life! Our summer reading is designed to be completed in a manageable amount of time so as not to take up your entire summer break. We encourage you, as parents, to engage in reading with your children and to help them plan the completion of the summer reading so that it does not drag out all summer long. The best way to encourage your children to read is to let them see you reading! Please look online at the flyer "[Supporting Literacy Learning All Year Long](#)" for additional ways you can engage your children in reading and learning over the summer months.

Sincerely,
The English Department of HGCS



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Every high school student must select ONE of the following non-fiction books to read in addition to the particular grade-level book (listed below):

- ☐ *Seven Men: And the Secret of Their Greatness by Eric Metaxas*
- ☐ *Seven Women: And the Secret of Their Greatness by Eric Metaxas*

You will need to print and complete the study guide below to match your selection. You will need to bring this completed guide with you on the first day of school. You will use your guide to respond to a writing prompt and write an essay on the first day even if you are a second semester English student.

Seven Men: And the Secret of Their Greatness by Eric Metaxas

Seven Women: And the Secret of Their Greatness by Eric Metaxas



HICKORY GROVE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SUMMER READING

9TH GRADE REGULAR & HONORS ENGLISH SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS

Due: August 14

Honors English will read: *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury

ISBN-10: 1451673310 **ISBN-13:** 978-1451673319

Welcome to English II! We will work to help you become stronger readers and writers this year.

Honors students, you will be responsible for numerous outside readings, starting with your summer reading of *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury. *Fahrenheit 451* stands as a "classic of world literature set in a bleak, dystopian future." Its message has grown more relevant since the first publication, and we will explore this novel together by examining it through a biblical worldview lens.

Regulars English will read: *Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story Autobiography*

ISBN-10: 0310214696 **ISBN-13:** 978-0310214694

Regular English students, you will begin by reading the Ben Carson Story. The Amazon review states, "Ben Carson, M.D., works medical miracles. Today, he's one of the most celebrated neurosurgeons in the world. In *Gifted Hands*, he tells of his inspiring odyssey from his childhood in inner-city Detroit to his position as director of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital at age 33. Ben Carson is a role model for anyone who attempts the seemingly impossible as he takes you into the operating room where he has saved countless lives. Filled with fascinating case histories, this is the dramatic and intimate story of Ben Carson's struggle to beat the odds—and of the faith and genius that make him one of the greatest life-givers of the century."

These books may be purchased at the Hickory Grove Bookstore. You must purchase a personal copy so you may underline and make notations within the book. If you have questions regarding the assignment, please email your teacher, Mrs. Staples kimstaples@HGChristian.org. Emails will be answered and checked periodically throughout the summer.

An objective test on this novel will also be given during the first two weeks of school. Those who have me 2nd semester will test during smart lunch.

Your annotations will be scored as a quiz grade. Use this [Annotation Example](#) as a guide to help you. Please annotate in pen. Multiple colors are acceptable. Simply highlighting text will not result in a decent grade. You must follow the example above.



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10TH GRADE REGULAR & HONORS ENGLISH SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS

Due: August 14

Novel: *Night* by Elie Wiesel

Welcome to English II. In this course, we will do a lot of reading and a lot of writing. You will be responsible for numerous outside readings, starting with your summer reading of *Night* by Elie Wiesel. *Night* is a personal account of Wiesel's horrendous experience as a young teenager in the ghetto and in the concentration camps of Buchenwald and Auschwitz.

This book may be purchased at the Hickory Grove Bookstore. You must purchase a personal copy so you may underline and make notations within the book.

An objective test on this novel will also be given during the first two weeks of school. Those who have English 2nd semester will test during Smart Lunch.

Your annotations will be scored as a quiz grade. Use this [Annotation Example](#) as a guide to help you. Please annotate in pen. Multiple colors are acceptable. Simply highlighting text will not result in a decent grade. You must follow the example above.

If you have questions regarding the assignment, please email your teacher: Mrs. Staples kimstaples@HGChristian.org for regular English questions and either Mrs. Staples or Mrs. Nelson tammynelson@hgchristian.org for Honors English. Emails will be checked and answered periodically throughout the summer.



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11TH GRADE REGULAR SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

Due: August 14

Novel: *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller

Welcome to English III. This year will be a survey of some of the most famous pieces of American Literature. It will be a great year of looking at our nation's history while examining the literature that has made America a literary powerhouse. In this course, you will be responsible for numerous amounts of reading and writing outside of class; this will begin with your summer reading.

You will be responsible for reading *The Crucible*, a play about the mass hysteria of the Salem Witch Trials during the late 1600s. You will annotate for the following literary elements: characterization, figurative language, and passages that help build themes within the play. The point of annotating is for you to interact with the text in order to have a deeper understanding of the text as well as comprehend what is read better.

Your annotations will be scored as a quiz grade. Use this [Annotation Example](#) as a guide to help you. Please annotate in pen. Multiple colors are acceptable. Simply highlighting text will not result in a decent grade. You must follow the example above.

In addition, you will have a reading comprehension test the third week back to school. If you do not have English first semester, you will come to a smart lunch session in order to complete the same comprehension test. You can email Mrs. Nelson tammynelson@hgchristian.org if you have any questions. Emails will be checked and answered periodically throughout the summer.



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11TH GRADE HONORS SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

Due: August 14

Novel: *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne

Welcome to Honors English III. This year will be a survey of some of the most famous pieces of American Literature. It will be a great year of looking at our nation's history while examining the literature that has made America a literary powerhouse. In this course, you will be responsible for numerous amounts of reading and writing outside of class; this will begin with your summer reading.

You will be responsible to read *The Scarlet Letter* and annotate for the following literary elements: characterization, figurative language, and passages that help build themes within the story. The point of annotating is for you to interact with the text in order to have a deeper understanding of the text as well as comprehend what is read better.

Your annotations will be scored as a quiz grade. Use this [Annotation Example](#) as a guide to help you. Please annotate in pen. Multiple colors are acceptable. Simply highlighting text will not result in a decent grade. You must follow the example above.

In addition, you will have a reading comprehension test during the first two weeks of school. If you do not have English 1st semester, you will come to a Smart Lunch session in order to complete the same comprehension test. You can email tammynelson@hgchristian.org if you have any questions. Emails will be checked and answered periodically throughout the summer.



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AP LANGUAGE SUMMER READING LIST

Of Mice and Men
Death of a Salesman
Rhetorical Terms

Of Mice and Men **John Steinbeck**
ISBN-10: 0140177396
ISBN-13: 978-0140177398

Death of a Salesman **Arthur Miller**
ISBN-10: 0140481346
ISBN-13: 978-0140481341

ASSIGNMENTS

I. *Of Mice and Men* and *Death of a Salesman*

- ☐ Read and annotate both novels.
- ☐ Use the annotation example as a guide for your annotations: [Annotation Example](#)
- ☐ Reading and annotations should be done by the first day of school. Please bring your novels with you on the first day of class.
- ☐ Reading comprehension tests will be given on or before August 14—depending on the Smart Lunch schedule for next year.

II. [Major Works Data Sheet](#) for *Death of a Salesman* and *Of Mice and Men*

- ☐ Print out Major Works Data Sheets for both novels
- ☐ Fill out the Data Sheets and have the first day of class. If you have any questions about the Data Sheets, please contact Mrs. Nelson: tammynelson@hgchristian.org

III. AP Language Terms

- ☐ Study and learn AP Literature Terms [AP Lang Terms](#) Ignore the instructions on the sheet. We will not have several different tests, just one big one the second week of class.
- ☐ Be ready for a test the second week of school.



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12TH GRADE REGULAR ENGLISH SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

Short Story Unit College Research

I. College Application Essay Packet: [College Essay Packet Link](#)

- ☐ Carefully read and watch everything in the packet. You have several examples of excellent college application essays.
- ☐ Complete the college research worksheet. [Link to research worksheet](#). **Make a copy** of this document and save it to your Google Drive. You will share the document with me on the second day of class. I will have a Classroom set up for second semester students so they can join and attach their work.

II. Three Short Stories and Annotations: [Short Story Packet](#) Use the link below to view the annotation.

- ☐ Begin with "The Story of an Hour"
 - ☐ Read the Annotation Example I have included. Use this as a guide on how to annotate your summer reading.
 - ☐ Read and annotate "The Story of an Hour." [Link to annotation](#)
- ☐ Read and annotate "The Interlopers"
- ☐ Read and annotate "A Worn Path"

Fall semester students should print these short stories and have them fully and carefully read and annotated by the first day of class. Second semester students will turn in their annotations on their test day which will be the first week of school, depending on the Smart Lunch schedule for next year. Mrs. Nelson will announce the test day the first day of class.

Simply highlighting text will not result in a decent grade. You must follow the example above.



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12TH GRADE HONORS ENGLISH SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

1984

College Research

1984 George Orwell

ISBN-10: 0451524934

ISBN-13: 978-0451524935

ASSIGNMENTS

I. College Application Essay Packet: [College Essay Packet Link](#)

- ☐ Carefully read and watch everything in the packet. You have several examples of excellent college application essays.
- ☐ Complete the college research worksheet. [Link to research worksheet](#). Due the second day of class.

II. *1984*

- ☐ Read and annotate the novel *1984*.
- ☐ Use the annotation example as a guide for your annotations: [Annotation Example](#). Annotations are due the first day of class for Fall Semester students. Second semester students will bring their texts and annotations on their test day during Smart Lunch. Simply highlighting text will not result in a decent grade. You must follow the example.
- ☐ Reading comprehension tests will be given on or before August 20—depending on the Smart Lunch schedule for next year.



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AP LITERATURE SUMMER READING LIST

Wuthering Heights

1984

College Research

AP Literary Terms

Novels

1984

George Orwell

ISBN-10: 0451524934

ISBN-13: 978-0451524935

Wuthering Heights

Emily Bronte

ISBN-10: 0141439556

ISBN-13: 978-0141439556

ASSIGNMENTS

I. College Application Essay Packet: [College Essay Packet Link](#)

- ☐ Carefully read and watch everything in the packet. You have several examples of excellent college application essays.
- ☐ Complete the college research worksheet: [Link to research worksheet](#). Due the first day of class.

II. *1984* and *Wuthering Heights*

- ☐ Read and annotate the novels *1984* and *Wuthering Heights*.
- ☐ Use the annotation example as a guide for your annotations: [Annotation Example](#)
- ☐ Reading and annotations should be done by the first day of class. Please bring your novel and play with you.
- ☐ The [Major Works Data Sheet](#) should be printed and filled out for both novels by the first day of class. If you have any questions about the Data Sheets, please contact Mrs. Nelson: tammynelson@hgchristian.org.
- ☐ Reading comprehension tests will be given on or before August 20—depending on the Smart Lunch schedule for next year.

III. AP Literature Terms

- ☐ Study and learn AP Literature Terms [AP Lit Terms: Quizlet](#)
- ☐ Be ready for a test the SECOND week of school.