**2022-2023 Summer Required Reading and Assignments**

Congratulations on choosing to challenge yourself with Honors English! We are excited to welcome you to or back to Theodore High School, and we hope that you will enjoy the readings along with the projects that are in store for you. Honors courses have heightened expectations, and because the pace of the honors level is advanced, you will need to begin right away.

 **Choose one novel from your grade level section.**

**9th grade choices:**

*Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury (dystopian)

*Ellen Foster* by Kaye Gibbons (realistic fiction)

*Weedflower* by Cynthia Kadohata (historical)

*The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein (realistic)

*A Dog's Purpose* by W. Bruce Camer (fantasy)

*The Help* by Kathryn Stockett (historical)

*The Red Pyramid* by Rick Riordan (adventure)

*Ishamel* by Danie Quinn (philosophical)

*Life as We Knew It* by Susan Beth Pfeffer (dystopian)

*Make Lemonade* by Virginia Euwer Wolff (realistic)

*If You Find Me* by Emily Murdoch (realistic)

*My Most Excellent Year* by Steve Kluger (realistic)

**10th grade choices:**

*A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest Gaines (historical)

*The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd (historical)

*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon (mystery)

*Life of Pi* by Yann Martel (adventure)

*Lightboxes* by Shane Jones (fantasy)

*A Separate Peace* by John Knowles (historical)

*Throne of Glass* by Sarah J. Maas (fantasy)

*How I Live Now* by Meg Rosoff (adventure)

*A Wizard of Earthsea* by Ursula Le Guin (fantasy)

Mists of Avalon by Marion Zimmer Bradley (fantasy)

Z for Zacharia by Robert O’Brien (fantasy)

The Golem and Jinni by Helene Wrecker (fantasy)

**11th grade choices:**

*The Color of Water* by James McBride (biography)

*In the Time of Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez (historical fiction)

*The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis (fantasy)*

*Three Little Word* by Ashley Rhodes Couter (biography)

*Challenger Deep* by Neal Shusterman (fantasy)

*The Lunar Chronicles by Marissa Meyer* (science fiction/fantasy)

*Deadline* by Chris Crutcher ((realistic)

*Nil* by Lynne Matson (dystopian)

*Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi (biography)

*The Never-Ending Story by Michael Ende (fantasy)*

*War Brothers: The Graphic* Novel by Sharon M. McKay (graphic)

*Little Women by Louisa May Alcott*

*The Great Trouble* by Deborah Hopkinson (mystery)

*The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd (historical)*

**12th grade choices:**

*The Hobbit*—J.R.R. Tolkien

*Murder on the Orient Express*—Agatha Christie

*The Alchemist—*Paulo Coelho

 *The Girl on the Train*—Paula Hawkins

*Brave New World*—Aldous Huxley

*Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*—Douglas Adams

*Things Fall Apart*—Chinua Achebe

*Siddhartha*—Hermann Hesse

*A Thousand Splendid Suns*—Khaled Hosseini

*Watchmen*—Allan Moore David Gibbons

*The Zookeeper's Wife*—Diane Ackerman

*Moonlight on the Avenue of Faith*—Gina B. Nahai

After finishing your novel, choose one of the two project options.

All projects are due **August 19, 2022.**

**Option One: One Page Essay**

After finishing your book, **write a one-page essay (~350 words) in which you offer a well-developed response to what you read**. You may take a personal, creative or academic approach in your response—you decide. The important thing is that it demonstrates **the thinking that you did as a result of the reading**. Whatever you do, **do not just summarize the book!**

 Have this assignment typed in a Google or Word doc and ready to turn in to your new English teacher on **Friday, August 19, 2022**

**Option Two: Poster Project**

You will need to create a poster for your novel. The poster will be

displayed in the classroom or in the halls, so make sure you do not roll it up. The poster needs to be on a 35” x 23” poster paper and should include the following:

* Title and author of the book
* A summary of the book
* A one through five- star rating of the book with brief explanation
* Illustrations or other visual representations of your favorite parts—make sure not to copy artwork from the book cover. Create your own.

Be sure you double-check the requirements for the poster before starting it. Parents, please support your child in the completion of this project; however, let them do the actual work on their own. There are many ways to arrange a poster like this. Be creative, have fun with it, and make sure to include all of the required elements.

All projects/assignments will be due Friday of August 19th. Please bring the poster or essay and be prepared to share with others in the class.

Thank you,

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