

10th-12th Summer Reading Assignment

Over the course of the summer, students must read one book from the grade appropriate list provided below. There will be a test during the first week of school along with an in-class essay. This in class essay will allow for an early look at the student's writing as well as determine the depth of knowledge from the required reading. **Students will complete a Major Works Data Sheet on the book to be turned in on the first Friday of school.** It is attached. **There will be absolutely no extensions granted for students enrolled prior to July 31st.**

Terms to be familiar with for possible in class essay topics: Characterization, Theme, Symbolism

10th Grade

A Separate Peace by John Knowles

11th Grade

The Road by Cormac McCarthy

12th Grade

Animal Farm by George Orwell

Major Works Data Sheet (10th-12th)

Complete the following questions. The point value is indicated by each question. Please be sure that the heading on your paper is in MLA format as well as the style (font, margins, etc.). This includes no plagiarism. You must cite your sources.

1. Title: Complete title, punctuated correctly (5pts)
2. Author: First and last name, no initials (5 pts)
3. Date of publication: First printing of work (5)
4. Historical information about the period of publication: relevant to the themes of this work (5)
5. Biographical information: **Facts about the author's life *pertinent*** to this work. (5)
6. Genre and characteristics: What type of work is this (novel, play)? What subgenre? (psychological, social protest, etc.) (5)
7. One sentence summary of work: Do not exceed one complete sentence! (5)
8. 10 most memorable quotations: include page number and speaker (10)
9. Major characters: list full names, if provided; spell correctly (10)
10. Setting(s): list (5)
11. Major symbols; motifs: list (5)
12. Significance of opening scene: Use complete sentences. (5)
13. Significance of closing scene: Use complete sentences. (5)
14. Major themes: list (your opinion-with validity and reason) (10)
15. Synopsis: Brief summary of the plot (complete sentences) (5)
16. Stylistic features: describe author's style of writing, point of view, organizational plan, etc. (5)
17. Minor themes: list (your opinion-with validity and reason) (5)