

Southern Maryland Christian Academy
Summer Reading Assignment
High School Students

To promote individual reading of classic literature, all high school students will be expected to complete supplemental reading and a corresponding assignment. Individual reading increases student vocabulary and reading skills which will lead to improved performance in academic studies and standardized testing.

High school students have two options to show completion of required summer reading. High school students can choose **either**:

- **TEST:** Student will take an Accelerated Reading test during the first week of school.

OR

- **PROJECT:** Submits a typed character assignment using the following requirements (on page 3 of this document) by the second class day of the first quarter. Teachers will give details on how to submit this assignment in Google classroom on the first day of class.

Please refer to the appropriate grade level listed below that you will be entering. You must read one book. The student is provided with three choices. The assessment will count as a **TEST** grade for the first quarter. Please remember this is a required activity.

***Failed Exams/Projects**

Students who fail the exam or project will **not** have the option of a retake.

***Late Registration**

Students who register after August 1 must take the AR test before the end of the first quarter. They will not have the option of doing the project. Students who register late will be required to take the AR Test on a specific book based on their grade level.

9th Grade - The Pearl

10th Grade - Frankenstein

11th Grade - The Old Man and the Sea

12th Grade - Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

Note: Students enrolled in a Dual Credit or Advanced Placement English course for the upcoming school year will be required to read two books. Submit a project for one and take a test on the second book.

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Book List: Be sure you refer to the grade you will be entering.

9th Grade

The Pearl (John Steinbeck)**

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry (Mildred D.

Taylor) Captains Courageous (Rudyard Kipling)

10th Grade

Frankenstein (Mary Shelley)**

The Crucible (Arthur Miller)

Animal Farm (George Orwell)

11th Grade

The Old Man & the Sea (Ernest Hemingway)**

To Kill a Mockingbird (Harper Lee)

Fahrenheit 451 (Ray Bradbury)

12th Grade

Robinson Crusoe (Daniel Defoe)

The Hound of the Baskervilles (Arthur Conan Doyle)

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde (Robert Louis Stevenson)**

** Required book for students who register after August 1

High School Summer Reading Rubric

-	5	4	3	2	1
Quotations	Lists ten significant quotes from book	Lists mostly significant quote but includes several insignificant quotes	Lists approximately five significant quotes and five insignificant quotes	Lists few significant quotes.	Does not list any significant quotes
Explanation of quotes	Thorough explanations of why selected quotes are important	Good explanations of why quotes are important	Fair explanation of why quotes are important	Poor explanation of why quotes are important	No explanation of why quotes are important
Character analysis	Contains at least three full paragraphs comprising a description of the character's traits, motivation of the character, and actions of the character that influence the novel's resolution.	Contains almost three full paragraphs comprising a description of the character's traits, motivation of the character, and actions of the character that influence the novel's resolution.	Contains two full paragraphs comprising a description of the character's traits, motivation of the character, or actions of the character that influence the novel's resolution.	Contains one full paragraph comprising a description of the character's traits, motivation of the character, or actions of the character that influence the novel's resolution.	Contains less than one full paragraph comprising a description of the character's traits, motivation of the character, or actions of the character that influence the novel's resolution.
Spelling and grammar	Contains almost no errors in spelling and grammar	Contains a few errors in spelling and grammar	Contains several errors in spelling and grammar	Contains numerous errors in spelling and grammar	Contains excessive errors in spelling and grammar

Total points earned: _____/20

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