

Southwest High School

Summer Reading 2017

1. Read two of the novels for the English class you are registered to enter for the 2017-18 school year.
2. Complete one assignment for each novel.
One assignment must be chosen from column A and one from column B.

Column A	Column B
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Write a biographical sketch of one character. Fill in what you do not find in the text using your own imagination.2. Create a character diary, writing at least eight entries as if you are the main character in the story. Write about events that happened during the story and reflect on how and why they affected the character.3. Identify the character's main problem in the story. Write an essay in which you explain how you would have responded if you were in the same situation.4. You are a reporter. Write a front page news article as though you were reporting live from a scene in the novel you read.5. There are scenes and lines that are unforgettable. Select a scene(s) and line(s) from one of the novels you read, and explain how and why you feel they are unforgettable. Use evidence from the text to support your answer.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Make a timeline of the major events in the novel you read. Be sure the divisions on the timeline reflect the time period in the plot. Use drawings, words, or magazine cutouts to illustrate events along the timeline.2. Draw an empty head. Inside of it, draw any symbols, words, or images that are bouncing around in the mind of the character.3. Construct a diorama (three-dimensional scene which includes models of people, buildings, plants, animals, etc.) of one of the main events in the novel that you read. Include a written explanation of how this information contributes to an understanding of the book.4. Create a collage using pictures that represent an event or character in the novel that you read. Include a written explanation for your choices.

*All assignments will be collected by your English teacher on **September 5th or 6th.**

9th grade

Choose two of the following novels to read:

1. City of Beasts by Isabel Allende
2. The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time by Mark Haddon
3. The Dark Game: True Spy Stories by Paul Janeczko
4. Enrique's Journey by Sonia Nazario
5. The Glass Castle by Jeanette Walls

10th grade

Choose two of the following novels to read:

1. Every Day by David Levithan
2. Cinder by Marissa Meyer
3. Ella Minnow Pea by Mark Dunn
4. Looking for Alaska by John Green
5. Knife of Never Letting Go by Patrick Ness

11th grade

Choose two of the following novels to read:

1. Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer
2. Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Jonathan Safran Foer
3. The Overachievers: The Secret Lives of Driven Kids by Alexandra Robbins
4. The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot
5. Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck

12th grade

Choose two of the following novels to read:

1. The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho
2. The Elegance of a Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery
3. The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams
4. Siddhartha by Hermann Hesse
5. Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde

