

Ms. Callis
Survey of Grammar and Introduction to Literature
Summer 2017

Summer Reading List

Each student is required to read and report on two books during the summer. One book is required and will be read by every member of the class. The second book should be chosen from the list of selections. A report on the required book is due the first day of school. The book of choice report will be due for the second six weeks.

Required Reading: *Hound of the Baskervilles* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Selections for Second Book:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author(s)</u>
<i>Little Women & Little Men</i> [both]	Louisa May Alcott
<i>The Bridge over the River Kwai</i>	Pierre Boulle
<i>Jane Eyre</i>	Charlotte Bronte
<i>Murder on the Orient Express</i>	Agatha Christie
<i>Sweet Summer</i>	Bebe Moore Campbell
<i>Robinson Crusoe</i>	Daniel Defoe
<i>Troy</i>	Adele Geras
<i>I Never Promised You a Rose Garden</i>	Hannah Green
<i>Riders of the Purple Sage</i>	Zane Grey
<i>Ordinary People</i>	Judith Guest
<i>The House of Seven Gables</i>	Nathaniel Hawthorne
<i>Out of the Dust</i> (poetry)	Karen Hesse
<i>October Sky</i>	Homer Hickam
<i>Man Without a Face</i>	Isabel Holland
<i>Across Five Aprils</i>	Irene Hunt
<i>Flowers for Algernon</i>	Daniel Keys
<i>The Bean Trees</i>	Barbara Kingsolver
<i>Beyond the Burning Time</i>	Kathryn Lasky
<i>Chronicles of Narnia</i> [in its entirety]	C. S. Lewis
<i>The Natural</i>	Bernard Malamud
<i>The Golden Compass</i>	Philip Pullman
<i>Haroun and the Sea Stories</i>	Salman Rushdie
<i>Catcher in the Rye</i>	J. D. Salinger
<i>Travels with Charley</i> (nonfiction)	John Steinbeck
<i>Gulliver's Travels</i>	Jonathan Swift
<i>The Hobbit</i>	J. R. R. Tolkien
<i>The Time Machine</i>	H. G. Wells

Both reports should be typed in Times New Roman font with a size of twelve-point. The report should be printed in black on white 11 ½ by 8-inch paper with one-inch margins on all sides. The report should be prepared in MLA format. This means it should be double spaced, have a

heading [Name/Teacher/Class/Date] on the first page, should have page numbers with last name on each page of text, and conclude with a works cited page. Everything is double-spaced; do not put extra lines between items. For details refer to the MLA handbook. Do not use first person. Any deviation from these instructions will result in a reduced grade. Grammar and content will also factor into the grade. Use the format that follows only. Each report should be stapled in the proper order without a cover.

Type the report in paragraph format. Do not number or put extra lines between paragraphs. “I don’t know” or its equivalent is not an acceptable answer. Be sure to use appropriate paragraph format (topic sentence and supporting sentences). Please note that the plot summary is to be one paragraph. This format has been developed for novel. Books which are not novels should follow this format as closely as possible. Explain any deviation in a final paragraph.

1-Introduce your report with a bibliographic paragraph. What is the title of the book, the author’s name, the publisher, place of publication, original publication date, and the copyright date of your version/edition? [This information should also appear in the works cited entry]

2-There are five elements of a novel: setting, plot, characters, point of view, and theme. Write one well developed paragraph for each of these. The paragraphs should discuss the topic completely. Setting is the time and place of the story. Plot is the events in the story. Note how and where the climax occurs. Characters are the people in the story. Focus on the major characters. Point of view is usually first or third person. Theme is what the author is trying to communicate by writing this novel; it is often subjective.

3-Conclude by choosing one of the elements and discussing how the author uses it and why it is the most important or outstanding element.

The required report is due the first day of class. If it is late for any reason, points will be deducted. Prepare your reports early. Do not come to school and try to justify your tardiness by saying that there was a problem with the printer or the computer. You have all of July and most of June and August to do this. There is no guarantee that the book you choose for your second report is available. Look for it early in case you have to order it. Print your rough drafts in order to prevent a total loss due to computer/printer malfunction. No excuses will be accepted.

Other Required Materials:

Classroom materials

Paper

Blue or black pen

Notebook or other organization system

Books (purchase paperbacks if possible or order at beginning of school)

A Midsummer Night’s Dream by William Shakespeare

MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, by Joseph Gibaldi

The Thief by Megan Whalen Turner