

Summer Reading 2015

Freshmen

Welcome to Med High! You are about to embark on a journey that begins today and will last for four years. If you choose to accept the challenge, you will find that the end will lead you to a lifetime of learning.

Freshmen begin their summers just like all STISD students: reading assigned books and watching movies handpicked by your teachers. We choose these books and movies not to torture you but to inspire you. We create the assignment to help enrich your reading and viewing experience. The books and movies range over several genres from science fiction to non-fiction and the heroes range from timid girls to peaceful giants. However, what they all have in common is, like you, they begin their journey by facing the unexpected.

ASSIGNMENT

Each freshman will read at least three books. There are two required books which are books that all freshmen will read: the classic *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens and the medical read entitled *How They Croaked: The Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous* by Georgia Bragg. The third book will be a book of your choosing.

In the right hand column below is a list of the five books for your selection. The books are a range of classic and modern choices. You will choose one from the list to read for the summer. The books with the asterisk (*) beside it are books that are part of the curriculum throughout the year.

ELEMENTS OF A STORY WORKSHEET

For each book and movie, you are to fill out the chart attached to this document. The charts will be picked up for a class grade at the beginning of the school year. The year will begin with a reading test over all of the books so please make sure you read over your notes before the first day of school.

Required Reading

(cornerstone book)

Great Expectations-Charles Dickens*

Medical Book

How They Croaked- Georgia Bragg*

Movies

The Wizard of Oz *

Reading with Options

(select one)

**Of Mice & Men*-John Steinbeck

The Miracle Worker-

The Hobbit- J.R.Tolkien

Princess Bride- William Goldman

**Mythology*-Edith Hamilton

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Sophomores

Congratulations! You have survived your first year in high school! By now you know what literary terms are and you know that being able to find the terms in your reading is not enough. The following exercise will ask you to think about what you are reading and will help you understand the author's purpose in using the terms. ***If you are not familiar with the terms, the internet has many good resources to aid in the explanation because your education is now in YOUR hands.***

READING ASSIGNMENT

Each sophomore will read at least three books. There are two required books which are books that all sophomores will read: **the classic** *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte and **the medical book** titled *Hot Zone: The Terrifying True Story of the Origins of the Ebola Virus* by Richard Preston. The third book is **a book you will choose from five selections**. The books are a range of classic and modern choices. You will choose one from the list to read for the summer. The books with an asterisk beside the author's name are books that will be studied throughout the year so such a selection will help you get a head start on the new year.

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Required Reading

(Cornerstone novel)

Jane Eyre- Charlotte Bronte

Medical Reading

Hot Zone- Richard Preston

Movies

The Book Thief

Reading with Options

(select one)

Once and Future King- T.H. White*

To Kill a Mockingbird- Harper Lee*

Fahrenheit 451- Ray Bradbury*

A Doll's House- Henrik Ibsen*

Lord of the Flies- William Golding

School Supply List 2015

English Classes

With the new school year comes new sales on school supplies. Keeping with that in mind, the English department is including a supply list so that you may get a jump on the new year before the sales are through.

Pens (Blue and Black Ink)

Pencils

Composition Notebook

Highlighters

College Ruled Paper

Hand Sanitizer or Kleenex (class donation)

Binder (1 or 2 in)

Dividers

Text Book Cover