

## Summer Reading List – Grades 9 -12

***All summer reading assignments will be due the first Friday of the school year. Students should be prepared to participate in class discussions and analysis of the selected text.***

### Grade 9

**English I (9) and English I (9) Honors: Don't Waste your Life by John Piper**

#### **TASK:**

Keep an electronic reading journal (Word or Google doc). Journal is to be formatted in the following way: font style (Times New Roman), font size (12 pt), Top margin (1.5 in), side and bottom margins (1 in). Your reading journal should contain the following: Book Title at the top of each page only and individual reading entries with the following: date of entry and pages read, theme / content discussed, questions regarding understanding of content / concepts, impact reading had, and list of new vocabulary and definitions.

### Grade 10

**English II (10): The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho**

**Essay Prompts:** Choose one prompt

1. Why is it significant that Santiago's treasure was buried in the exact place where his journey began? What then was the purpose of Santiago's journey?
2. How does Santiago's spiritual journey parallel the alchemist's practice of transforming metal into gold?

**English II (10) Honors: Night by Elie Wiesel**

#### **Essay Prompt:**

In literary works, cruelty often functions as a crucial motivation or a major social or political factor. Write a well-developed essay analyzing how cruelty functions in *Night* as a whole and what the cruelty reveals about the perpetrator and/or victim. Do not merely summarize the plot.

#### **Essay Requirements:**

Write a 5 paragraph essay to fully answer the prompt. Use textual evidence to support your thesis. Do not give a summary of the book!!! You need to use the text of the book to explore the question the prompt presents. You must type the essay and it must be in MLA format.

### Grade 11

**English III (11) and English III (11) Honors: Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis**

#### **TASK:**

Keep an electronic reading journal (Word or Google doc). Journal is to be formatted in the following way: font style (Times New Roman), font size (12 pt), Top margin (1.5 in), side and bottom margins (1 in). Your reading journal should contain the following: Book Title at the top of each page only and individual reading entries with the following: date of entry and pages read, theme / content discussed, questions regarding understanding of content / concepts, impact reading had, and list of new vocabulary and definitions.

## **AP U.S. History**

### **Task:**

Pick up AP packet as soon as possible in the front office. Packet will identify other items that can be read.

## **Grade 12**

### **English IV (12):**

#### **AP Literature and Composition: Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka**

### **Essay Prompt :**

The Symbol of the Cockroach in *The Metamorphosis*:

### **Essay Requirements:**

Write a 5 paragraph essay to fully answer the prompt. Use textual evidence to support you thesis. Do not give a summary of the book!!! You need to use the text of the book to explore the question the prompt presents. You must type the essay and it must be in MLA format.

Kafka's choice of a cockroach was said to be random and unintentional; however, the fact that the author selected the lowest and most hated of insects, portrayed as dirty, disease-ridden, and disgusting, is profoundly symbolic. By turning Gregor into a cockroach rather than another creature, Kafka sets up a situation in which it is impossible for Gregor's family to accept him and even more importantly, this makes Gregor feel guilty and trapped which enhances the psychological tension.

Themes:

Alienation

The Absurd

Irrational World

Angst

Communication

Existence vs. Essence

"The Look"- Consciousness and Judgement

In a well-developed, carefully written essay explain how Kafka uses literary devices such as metaphors, symbolism, and/or irony to express a central theme in the novel. Consider the ideas presented above.

#### **Bible IV (12) and Bible IV (12) Honors – Worldviews: The Universe Next Door by James Sire**

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