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WILD ABOUT BOOKS

Dear BVA Lep Reader,

Please join Belle Vernon Area High School in our Wild About Books Reading Campaign as we kick off our 2015-2016 custom designed Summer Reading Program.

Grade 9 Career English 9 and College Preparatory English 9

During the summer, read the selected fiction novel Hatchet by Gary Paulsen. Take a 20 point teacher-prepared quiz the first week of school in your English class. The quiz score will be recorded as part of the first nine week grading period. Other English class activities may revolve around this novel.

Accelerated English 9 Students

During the summer, read the selected fiction novel Hatchet by Gary Paulsen. While reading, you are to keep a character reflection journal. You will record your journal entries in a notebook provided to you by the teacher. You will turn in this notebook to Mrs. Parker on the first day of school. Your journal will contain a minimum of 15, full page, entries. You can combine chapters or address specific incidences within the novel to create the 15 entries. Additionally, each entry should be a minimum of 8 sentences long.

PLEASE NOTE: The character reflection journal is to be written from the main character, Brian Robeson's, point of view. Thus, you are to write the 15 entries as if you are the main character experiencing the events of the plot. Include what you believe to be Brian's emotions, thoughts, struggles, etc. as he progresses through the novel.

Your reading log is worth 40 points, so use proper writing techniques and mechanics to receive the highest grade. Also, a 20 point teacher-prepared quiz will be given the first week of school for this novel.

****Adapted novels can be read based on teacher recommendation and individual student needs.***

Required Summer Reading for Honors Civics:

The Giver

Assignment can be found on Schoolwires
The PDF of the book is on Schoolwires



Grade 10 Career English 10 and College Preparatory English 10 Students

During the summer, read **Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson** (For those finding the content too provocative, the alternate selection is **The Pearl by John Steinbeck**.)

Take a 20 point teacher-prepared quiz the first week of school in your English class.

The quiz results will be recorded as part of the first nine week grading period.

Other English activities may revolve around these choices.

****Adapted novels can be read based on teacher recommendation and individual student needs.***

Accelerated English 10 Students

During the summer, you will need to read **The Elephant Man by Christine Sparks**. While reading, keep a reading log. You will be creating this log on the computer (in a Word Document) and turning it in to Mrs. Milinovich on a portable storage device (a flash drive) on the first day of school. Your reading log will contain a minimum of 20 entries (be sure to put all entries into one document; not 20 separate documents!). You can combine chapters or address specific incidences in the novel to make up the 20 entries. Each entry should be a minimum of 10 sentences long, and should be numbered and dated.

IMPORTANT: YOU ARE NOT TO REPEAT THE STORYLINE IN THESE ENTRIES! Instead, discuss tone, mood, theme, characterization, setting, and other literary elements. Make associations with other readings or real life. Also, keep a list of vocabulary words that you are not familiar with (look them up!) and a list of quotes that you find meaningful. Interact with the text; do not just tell what happened.

The last two entries will be a theme entry (discuss the theme in detail) and a personal reaction entry (what you liked and did not like about the novel – a total of 22 entries).

Your reading log is worth 50 points, so do your best writing and analyzing to receive the highest grade. Also, you will be taking a test on your novel the first week of school.

Required Summer Reading for AP World

A History of the World in Six Glasses

Assignment can be found on Schoolwires

The PDF of the book is on Schoolwires

Then, choose two of the following books and write a critical review on each of your choices

Information on Critical Review can be found on Schoolwires

The Epic of Gilgamesh

Ramayana

The Book of Saladin

Galileo's Daughter

Genghis: The Birth of an Empire

Leo Africanus

Pope Joan, A Novel

Salt

Siddhartha



The Tao of Pooh
The Travels of Marco Polo
Witch Child

Grade 11 American Cultures Students

During the summer, all students entering 11th grade that are not taking AP US History are going to have to choose to read **one** of the following books. You will be required to take a teacher made quiz after you have finished reading. You can either take the quiz during the first week of school or you may take the quiz at the High School during the summer. You will have to make arrangements with the office to take it during the summer. You can call the office or email Mr. Boone to make arrangements for taking the quiz over the summer. Taking it during the summer might be a good idea if you read the book right after school is out and you are afraid you might forget about the book by the time the new school year starts.

Students Going to American Cultures Reading List – Must Read One of These. You may buy the book new or used or in kindle/ebook format or you may borrow from a library or friend.

Mornings on Horseback by David McCullough – (about Theodore Roosevelt)

Profiles on Courage by John F. Kennedy

Killing Lincoln: The Shocking Assassination that Changed America Forever by Bill O’Reilly and Martin Dugard

Killing Kennedy: The End of Camelot by Bill O’Reilly and Martin Dugard

****Adapted novels can be read based on teacher recommendation and individual student needs.***

AP US History Students

During the summer, everyone taking AP US History their 11th grade year is going to read 1776 by David McCullough. You may buy the book new or used or in kindle/ebook format or you may borrow from a library or friend. You will be required to take a teacher made quiz after you have finished reading. You can either take the quiz during the first week of school or you may take the quiz at the High School during the summer. You will have to make arrangements with the office to take it during the summer. You can call the office or email Mr. Boone to make arrangements for taking the quiz over the summer. Taking it during the summer might be a good idea if you read the book right after school is out and you are afraid you might forget about the book by the time the new school year starts.

Advanced Placement English 11 Students

The Advanced Placement English Examinations, given annually in May to approximately 120,000 students, emphasize an analytical approach to literature. With that in mind, we would like you to read the assigned novel, 1984 by **George Orwell** this summer and complete the following assignment:

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GUIDELINES

All work must be typed, double-spaced and submitted in a folder with your name and title of your selection on the front cover. (Your papers will be transferred to your required 3-ring binder when we return them).

Page 1:

Write a brief paragraph (personal statement) explaining why you have elected to take the AP Honors English 11 Class. Please include a statement regarding your definition and understanding of academic integrity and plagiarism.

Consecutive Pages: Reading Journal

Write a brief summary of each chapter (or groups of chapters if they are short) followed by a personal response to the reading. Each section should also include unfamiliar vocabulary (definition and the sentence in which it appears in the text). Finally, each section should include any memorable/insightful quotations and your interpretation(s).

Last Page: In essay form, answer the following questions:

1. What is the theme of the work? (Any underlying themes?)
2. How do plot and characterization illustrate the theme?
3. What literary or rhetorical devices does the author use to establish tone or attitude? Explain.
4. Is the title of the work significant? If so, how?
5. Is the theme of this literature relevant to today? Using specific details, explain how.
6. Why did you like or dislike the literature?

Please bring a copy of your book with you to class and be prepared to take a reading check test during the first few days of school.

Of course you are not limited to a single title. In fact, we encourage you to read often during the summer. A good book can be your best friend. We are looking forward to working with you.

Grade 12

All 12th Grade Students

Read a four page article related to your Senior Graduation Project occupation. Be sure to print the article so that the citation information is available for inclusion in the Senior Graduation Project research paper. Refer to the Senior Graduation Project packet for the MLA citation instructions. The article will be evaluated by each senior Graduation Project advisor.

Advanced Placement English 12 Students

Your summer reading will consist of two books. First, we will all read **The Last Lecture** by Randy Pausch. Also, read a book of your own choosing, fiction or nonfiction, that contains a message that you want to make your personal theme for senior year. Perhaps it is appreciating friendship, making a difference, surviving adversity, or pushing the limits of your potential. Everyone will be sharing their reading with other classmates in our Book Talk Forums when we get back to school. Our first test will be based on everyone's summer reading.

BVAHS Complete Grades 9-12 Summer Reading Program



We hope you will enjoy your summer reading with our Wild About Books Reading Campaign. We look forward to discussing these selections with you.

Sincerely,
Belle Vernon Area High School
Administration and Faculty