

Summer Reading 2021-2022
English II Honors

Before coming to campus in August, we would like you to read one of the following titles:

<p><i>Fahrenheit 451</i> by Ray Bradbury</p> 	<p>Ray Bradbury's 1953 novel <i>Fahrenheit 451</i> is set in a dystopian society that burns books in order to control dangerous ideas and unhappy concepts. The novel tells the story of Guy Montag, a fireman who questions the book-burning policy and undergoes extraordinary suffering and transformation as a result.</p>
<p><i>Lord of the Flies</i> by William Golding</p> 	<p>William Golding's 1954 novel <i>Lord of the Flies</i> tells the story of a group of young boys who find themselves alone on a deserted island. They develop rules and a system of organization, but without any adults to serve as a civilizing impulse, the children eventually become violent and brutal.</p>
<p><i>Animal Farm</i> by George Orwell</p> 	<p><i>Animal Farm</i> is a novel about a group of animals who take control of the farm they live on.</p>
<p><i>Frankenstein</i> by Mary Shelley</p> 	<p>Shelley's novel, <i>Frankenstein: or, the Modern Prometheus</i> (1818), is a combination of Gothic horror story and science fiction. The book tells the story of Victor Frankenstein, a Swiss student of natural science who creates an artificial man from pieces of corpses and brings his creature to life.</p>

Please choose a text that you have not read before.

Learning Goal

The goal for this assignment is to strengthen your reading comprehension skills. In the 10th grade you will be challenged with various texts.

Annotations

While reading, please annotate the text. An annotation is a note of explanation or comment added to a text or diagram. Please make notes regarding themes and characters that are being developed within the text. Also, circle or highlight any unfamiliar words. **I will need to see your annotations as a part of the assignment's grade** (You can incorporate your annotations into a video, presentation tool or you can show me during the first 2 weeks).

Challenge Questions

After reading, answer one of questions outlined below. You can answer the question in any interactive medium you choose: presentation, journal entries, multimedia, movie, audio recording, Minecraft world -or anything else that you can think of. Your answer should be engaging and fully answer the question using details, quotes or themes from your chosen text. You can create a product that is digital or physical and will be submitted during the first two weeks for Quarter 1.

Choose one of the following questions to answer:

What is the importance of civilization and what factors support or destroy its fabric?

Should people sacrifice freedom in the interest of security?

Are we governed/guided by fate, free will, a greater power, or do we fall somewhere on the spectrum between?

What are the attributes of heroism and how could they (the attributes) change?

Is there a difference between happiness and success?

How does literature sometimes represent the best and worst of a society?

Why do we study and examine our past, present, and future?

Why do we sometimes oppress each other when we gain power?

How is our perception of good and evil shaped by our films, books, and video games?

If you could choose one rule for the entire world to adhere to, what would it be and why?