

12 HONORS ENGLISH- SUMMER READING REQUIREMENT

To prepare for the rigorous year ahead, carefully read the following three texts:

Grendel by John Gardner

The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde

Dracula by Bram Stoker

You must read carefully and well as the summer reading assessments will require a depth of understanding of themes and style, not a mere general idea of plot.

DO NOT USE ONLINE (or other forms of) PLOT SUMMARIES OR GUIDES

As you read, it is good practice to:

- Underline/annotate/mark the passages that you feel to be poignant and/or important for classroom discussion.
- Pay special attention to passages that you believe develop a person vs. society conflict and all themes related to the struggle of the individual within societal constraints.

Summer Reading Assessments

1. In-class essays written during class the first week of school. You will be expected to use the texts to complete these essays, so annotations and marked passages will be a great help to you. You will also be permitted to use any notes/journals that you choose to make/keep during your reading.
2. Graded Discussion for each text during the first month of school. Discussions will be graded on participation, strong understanding of text, higher level thinking, as well as active listening. Annotations, marked passages, and any notes you keep for the texts will also be useful for these assessments because of the amount of time that will pass between your reading of the texts and the discussions.

Keep in mind that your summer reading work will serve as a starting impression of your writing ability, higher-level thought process, and work ethic; *Summer Reading assessments will total 250-300 performance assessment points for the 1st Quarter.*

If you have any questions or concerns about this summer reading assignment please e-mail me at my school address: cburnett@oxford.k12.pa.us. If I don't respond to you within 3 days, e-mail my home address carynneburnett@gmail.com.

As the summer begins to come to a close, I also urge you to visit the 12 Honors page of my website: <https://sites.google.com/site/engburnett>. I will be posting discussion questions, information about the novels, and syllabus and coursework to better prepare you for the course. It is *not* mandatory that you check this site before school begins, just recommended.

I am really looking forward to our year together!

