

Harvester Christian Academy
2018-2019 High School English Summer Reading Assignments

This assignment is due as a printed copy on the first day of class for the 2018-2019 school year: Monday, August 13th.

New/Incoming students need to speak with me about the Summer Reading Assignment upon arrival.

Directions:

- Please read both of the assigned texts according to your upcoming grade level. The texts chosen are essential to your preparation for the upcoming English course. We will refer to these texts throughout the school year.
- As you read, take diligent notes on plot, characterization, theme and setting using sticky notes within your book.
- Once you complete the reading, you will write a 2-3 page MLA formatted Response to Literature report for each text. (Please refer to the [Suggestions for Writing About Literature](#) web page for advice on writing your report. Use the drop-down box to help you with specific needs).

The writing in Responses to Literature should:

- Provide brief background information on the author and historical context of the work in the first paragraph. This will require research! Be sure to provide a Works Cited entry for any/all websites or articles used for this research! (Please refer to [The Owl at Purdue](#) MLA guidelines page for help with creating a Works Cited page).
- Demonstrate clear understanding of the main character(s) and the plot of the text.
- Demonstrate clear understanding of the overall meaning or message of the piece (the theme).
- Share your feelings, judgment, opinions, or evaluation based on careful reading of the text.
- Support your points about the characters and theme with evidence and examples from the story according to MLA formatting guidelines (Please refer to [The Owl at Purdue](#) MLA guidelines page for help with proper in-text citations).
- Explain each example thoroughly with your own original ideas/connections.
- Demonstrate mastery/command of grammar, word choice, transitions and clear/cohesive writing (First person point of view is acceptable for this piece).

The entries will be graded out of 30. You will find the rubric here: [Writing Rubric: Writing a Response to Literature](#).

Rising 9th Graders -

The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck
Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor

Rising 10th Graders -

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain
A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry

Rising 11th Graders -

Grendel by John Gardner (United States)
Le Morte D'Arthur by Sir Thomas Malory

Rising 12th Graders -

Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand
Paradise Lost by John Milton

Please email Mrs. Anna Denard at adenard@harvesteracademy.com if you have any questions.

Have a great summer!