

Four Simple Steps:
1. Choose the book you will read. Students in 2016-17 Honors English Grades 9, 10, and 11 need to read **2 books**.
2. Select books based on your grade level theme.

- **Themes:**
 - **Grade 9:** Coming of Age
 - **Grade 10:** Realistic Fiction
 - **Grade 11:** Personal Crisis/Survival
 - **Grade 12:** The Road to Success

3. Complete the task designed for your grade level.
4. Turn in your *Reading Responses* to your English teacher by September 22, 2016.
 *Completion of the Summer Reading Project will count as students' first grade in their 2016-17 English class.

Grade Level Assignments

Grade	Theme description	Assignment
9	<p>Coming of Age When a character "comes of age," it is usually a time in life when the character or others begin to view themselves/him/her as a mature, young adult as opposed to a little kid. For the character, there may be a significant event, crisis, challenge, moment, or turning point that allows him/her to become self-aware.</p>	<p>Select ONE of the following assignments: Choice 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read entire novel • Identify the novel's protagonist (main character) • Identify the key moment that the character "comes of age" and explain how and why that has happened • Create a diary entry in the protagonist's voice (use "I") that expresses how that "coming of age" moment changed him or her and the character's view of the world. <p>NOTE: This assignment should be one-page in length. Choice 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read entire novel • Write a 5-7 sentences introducing and explaining each of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "Coming of Age" moment ○ Protagonist (main character) ○ Antagonist (character or event that gets in the protagonist's way) • Find one song that represents each of the above ("Coming of Age" moment; protagonist; antagonist) and list the title and artist of that song. <p>In a 1-2 sentence connection, explain how the song you chose connects to a moment or character.</p>
10	<p>Realistic Fiction Although untrue, the events that unfold could actually happen. Some events, people, and places may even be real. It may be possible that, in the future, imagined events could occur.</p>	<p>Select a realistic fiction novel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read entire novel • Write a letter as the author and include in your letter the answers to three of the five questions listed below. <p>Note: Letters should be in letter format and include a salutation and a closing. Questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How has the book impacted you and/or changed your view on an issue? Explain. 2. What questions do you have about the characters, plot and/or the resolution? Explain. 3. Which character did you like the most/least? Why? Explain. 4. Which character did you personally relate to most? Explain. 5. Which one detail/character/plot element would you change? Why?
11	<p>Personal Crisis Occurs when a character faces a difficult or dangerous situation that needs serious attention</p> <p>Survival The state or fact of continuing to live or exist, typically in spite of an accident, ordeal, or difficult circumstances.</p>	<p>Select ONE of the following assignments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The protagonist of your book is applying for a position at Burger King. Make a resume for the protagonist of your story. Provide information about his/her positive traits, experiences, interests, etc. in a resume format. 2. Write a one page (double spaced, size 12 font) response, explaining, in your opinion, what the author of your book is revealing to his/her readers through this work. Support your ideas with details (about theme, characters, setting, plot etc.) from your book. 3. Write a one page (double spaced, 12 size font) personal response/reflection to your book. Explain what you liked about the book (characters with whom you identify, themes etc.) and why you appreciated it. 4. Illustrate (drawing, painting, collage etc.) a significant scene from the book you read. Write 2 paragraphs explaining the significance of the scene to the story. 5. Write the lyrics to a song/rap/musical piece your protagonist would enjoy. Your song should have at least 10 lines. In 2 paragraphs, explain the significance of your song and why the character would like it.
12	<p>The Road to Success Success can be achieved in a variety of ways. Everyone has a different definition of success. However, it is commonly seen as someone having overcome their individual obstacles..</p>	<p>Select ONE of the following assignments.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Write a one page journal entry Identifying a lesson learned from your reading to use or not use in the future 2. Find three articles that relate to the reading with a one paragraph explanation of how each article connects to the novel. 3. Write a thematic essay explaining how the theme is demonstrated throughout the novel