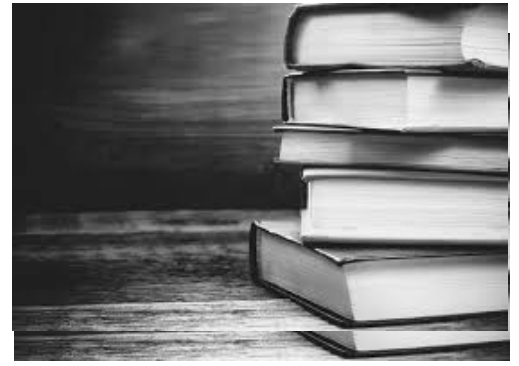


11th Grade Summer Reading

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body. —Joseph Addison

Incoming 11th Graders should read the following book and complete the summer reading assignment. This will prepare them for class activities at the beginning of the school year.



The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway

Read and Annotate: Annotating is a tool of active reading which helps you understand and ask questions of a text. Underline key information, write notes about thoughts that occur to you in the margins, ask questions, and seek out answers. Use a pencil to have a conversation with the novel as you write.

Consider listening to the audiobook as you read; the isolation of headphones dramatizes the experience of Santiago more than reading alone can. Free Audiobook: [The Old Man & the Sea](#) -- feel free to choose another, though.

Write an essay: In tenth grade, you studied the medieval world and the literature of Great Britain. This year, we will move to focus on the American experience in literature.

Write a 1.5-2p paper comparing the marlin, Santiago, and Joe DiMaggio.

Watch this biography of [Hemingway](#). In your conclusion, or toward the end of your paper, add some thoughts about how Hemingway fits into his own vision of a hero. Be sure you have defined the term according to this author.

Essay Requirements:

1. Essay must be written in Times New Roman, double-spaced, in 12 pt. Font. New paragraphs are indented with no extra space. Quotes are no more than three lines of text and properly cited with the author's last name and the page number (MLA-style citations).
2. Essay must have an introduction, two or three body paragraphs with topic sentences clearly supporting the thesis, and a conclusion.
3. Every body paragraph must have at least one quote from the book, properly cited, which proves your topic sentence.

Additional Summer Reading Suggestions (Not Required):

- *For Whom the Bell Tolls* by Ernest Hemingway
- *Leaves of Grass* by Walt Whitman
- *Turn of the Screw* by Henry James
- *Sense and Sensibility* by Jane Austen
- *The Man Who Was Thursday* by G.K. Chesterton
- *Last of the Mohicans* by James Fenimore Cooper