

English 2 Honors 2017 Summer Reading Assignments

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Essential Question: What connects us as humans?

This essential question is the question that will guide you on your journey through your sophomore English class. Over the 10 months we spend together, we will be reading a variety of genres and texts from a multitude of perspectives. For each one, we will try to connect these to our own lives and find the **universals** evident in these works. (Those pieces of us that transcend time, gender, culture, age, intellect, etc.) Not only will we talk about the universals present, but we will also discuss the values exemplified within the different cultures, including our lives. These are the things that separate different cultures, but also the things that bring us together. Below are your summer reading texts, assignments, and instructions. This information is also all available on my school website, which you can locate from the RBR homepage under teacher websites or at the top of this page. Email me with any questions, problems, conflicts, or other concerns you may encounter while doing this work or reading this document. Enjoy your summer and I will see you later on in July! ☺

Required Novel/Drama

Fahrenheit 451 – Ray Bradbury

A Streetcar Named Desire – Tennessee Williams

* Read the two primary texts and write 1- 1 ½ page typed response, following proper MLA format and heading for **EACH** text that includes textual evidence from each text to support your response to the essential question: **What connects us as humans?**

https://www.monmouth.edu/uploadedFiles/Resources_for_Writers/Research_and_Documentation/MLAGeneralFormat.pdf

If you lose your book, buy one, or use the link located on the website. I recommend buying one as you can note in the book, but it is entirely up to you.

Required Blog Posts(located on the summer reading website)

* Respond to three blog posts over the summer (**July 13th**, **July 27th**, **August 10th**). Each blog post will require you to complete a required reading: one will be a short story, one will be a non-fiction piece, and one will be a poem. The blog posts will be up on those days and you have until the next blog post is up to post your response. Your responses to these blog posts will need to address the specific text, the question(s) I pose, and be thoughtful and meaningful. Minimal effort will not suffice for what I will be asking you, so make sure you take time to craft an appropriate response. Make sure when you post you include your full name so I know who is who.

Required Summer Sessions

*Attend **2** sessions at Red Bank Regional High School for **2** hours each for a total of **4** hours. The dates are July 11 & 12 and July 18 & 19 from 9:30AM to 11:30AM. You will meet in the commons and we will break off from there. During these sessions we will be practice annotating skills and how to write with intent. We will examine some texts I will provide to you that you will use to annotate and write about.

Summer Reading Website

*At the top of this page, you will see a link for my website. If you lose this document, please refer to the website. This has all pertinent information concerning due dates, links, and blog posts.