



Pre-AP American Literature

Summer Reading Assignment

Lakewood Ranch English Department

What do I read for summer reading?

Students are **required** to read the novel on the back. Selections are based on the English class each student will be taking in the upcoming school year.

What is the assignment?

The goal of LRHS's summer reading assignment is to keep students actively engaged in reading while exposing students to the type of literature they will be encountering in the upcoming school year. Students will **not** be required to complete an assignment outside of school; however, students should be prepared to take a summer reading assessment the **2nd** day of English class. The in-class assessment may include questions that pertain to plot development, major conflicts and characters, character motivation, themes, points of view, and/or prominent symbols. The format may include the following types of questions: short-answer paragraphs, quotation significance, and multiple choice. Students will **NOT** be able to use their novel or notes for the assessment.

How do I prepare for the in-class assessment?

In order to be prepared for the assessment, students should follow these recommendations:

- Students should never rely on online summaries or movie versions in lieu of reading the entire book.
- While reading, annotate the text by highlighting, posting sticky-notes, or writing in the margin. Annotations should occur in the following instances:
 - Key plot event
 - Major conflicts (man vs. man, man vs. world, man vs. self, man vs. nature, etc.)
 - Development of major characters
 - Major themes
 - Points of view
 - Symbols
- Form a book group with friends to discuss the novel. Sharing ideas is a very effective method to gain a deeper understanding of the storyline.

Where can I find my assigned book?

A limited number of books will be available for check-out from Lakewood Ranch High School's Media Center or from the local library. Students can also purchase books at Books-A-Million, Barnes & Noble or through an on-line distributor. Students will **NOT** be required to bring the novel to class.

Who do I contact if I have questions?

For questions pertaining to summer reading, please contact Dr. Lundy at 941-727-6100 ext. 2009 or lundym@manateeschools.net. The Administration Office may be open M-TR 7:30 am- 5:00 pm; please call ahead of time to ensure that someone is available.

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Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass by Frederick Douglass

Born into a family of slaves, Frederick Douglass educated himself through sheer determination. His unconquered will to triumph over his circumstances makes his one of America's best and most unlikely success stories. Douglass' own account of his journey from slave to one of America's great statesmen, writers, and orators is as fascinating as it is inspiring.

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