

Mount Paran Christian School
HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER READING PROGRAM
Summer 2010

Mount Paran Christian School encourages every student to begin the summer reading projects early. As a vital part of our college preparatory curriculum, summer reading assignments form a bridge into the work students will be doing in English during the upcoming school year. Additionally, MPCS wants to foster an appreciation for solid literature. Reading widely also helps to develop vocabulary and a sense of language structure.

Instructions

Please purchase books with the specific ISBN where indicated on the list.

Every student will complete a template for one book during the summer. The template is included with this information and as link to download from the school website.

Students should not wait until the week or two before school starts to begin reading these books!

Please read the instructions and models carefully on each template. Notice that the models are based on *The Old Man and the Sea*. Ninth graders in Core classes may **not** repeat the model as one of the analysis points on the templates **except** for the "Plot" template.

Do the work neatly and carefully. These papers will become important study materials for later English courses and a grade will be given for this process.

Realizing that Mount Paran's summer reading program is challenging, we encourage you to contact us via e-mail if you have any questions about the summer reading project. Templates are due the second day of class.

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AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE & COMPOSITION/ AMERICAN LITERATURE:

Required Book – All Junior AP Students (completed template for this book due the second day of class):

The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne

Required Book – All Junior AP Students (essay will be assigned for this book the first week of class):

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

ISBN 0142437174

Required Book - All AP Junior Students (*Completed Annotations due the second week of class)

One Writer's Beginnings by Eudora Welty

ISBN 13: 9780674639270

***HOW TO ANNOTATE:**

Annotations are comments and questions made by the reader that demonstrate interaction with the text. You will write these in the margins of the pages as you read the book.

Most pages should include multiple annotations. The grade will be based on:

thoughtfulness, thoroughness, and accuracy.

Items for inclusion are as follows:

- Define new vocabulary words.
- Label literary and rhetorical techniques (simile, metaphor, personification, allusion, hyperbole, oxymoron, imagery, bias, emotional appeal, logical appeal, etc...).
- Ask questions.
- Underline meaningful phrases, sentences, etc... and explain the value of each.
- Relate specific passages to your own life.