

# Montgomery High School English Department



## Program Overview 2018

### Questions?

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## REQUIRED TEXT(S) AND ASSIGNMENTS

<b>GRADE 9</b>	
<p><b>9<sup>th</sup> Grade College Prep</b>            Required Reading:            1-<i>The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian</i>—Sherman Alexie</p> <p>Assignment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take notes while reading for use during class discussion. Some items to look for might include significant quotes, evidence of symbolism or themes, notable use of literary devices, etc.</li> </ul>	<p><b>9<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors</b>            Required Reading:            1-<i>The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian</i>—Sherman Alexie            2-<i>The Namesake</i>—Jhumpa Lahiri</p> <p>Assignment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take notes while reading for use during class discussion based on the theme of identity and how one can face challenges regarding their home vs. individuality. Some items to look for might include significant quotes, evidence of symbolism or themes, notable use of literary devices, etc.</li> </ul>
<b>GRADE 10</b>	
<p><b>10<sup>th</sup> Grade College Prep</b>            Required Reading:            1- Thematic Multi-genre Reading Packet (pdf file linked on the MHS English Department website <a href="#">HERE</a>)</p> <p>Assignment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take notes while reading for use during class discussion and assessment. Use the specific thematic and text based focus questions for each text in the packet to help guide your note taking.</li> <li>Refer to the assignment chart in the reading packet to help you organize your notes.</li> </ul>	<p><b>10<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors</b>            Required Reading:            1-<i>The Joy Luck Club</i>—Amy Tan</p> <p>Assignment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take notes while reading for use during class discussion. Some items to look for might include significant quotes, evidence of symbolism or themes, notable use of literary devices, etc.</li> <li>Print and complete the <i>Bank of Knowledge</i> handout found on the English Department website <a href="#">HERE</a></li> </ul>
<b>GRADE 11 COLLEGE PREP</b> (Please complete the assignment for your FALL course placement)	
<p><b>11<sup>th</sup> Grade <i>Heroes, Villains &amp; Monsters</i> CP</b>            Required Reading:            1-<i>Animal Farm</i>—George Orwell</p> <p>Assignment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take notes while reading for use during class discussion. Some items to look for might include significant quotes, evidence of symbolism or themes, notable use of literary devices, etc.</li> </ul>	<p><b>11<sup>th</sup> Grade <i>And Justice for All</i> CP</b>            Required Reading:            1-<i>Of Mice and Men</i>—John Steinbeck</p> <p>Assignment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take notes while reading for use during class discussion. Some items to look for might include significant quotes, evidence of symbolism or themes, notable use of literary devices, etc.</li> </ul>

<b>GRADE 11 HONORS</b> (Please complete the assignment for your FALL course placement)	
<p><b>11<sup>th</sup> Grade <i>Heroes, Villains &amp; Monsters</i> Honors</b></p> <p>Required Reading: 1-<i>The Last Unicorn</i>—Peter S. Beagle 2-<i>Life of Pi</i>—Yann Martel</p> <p>Assignment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take notes while reading for use during class discussion. Some items to look for might include significant quotes, evidence of symbolism or themes, notable use of literary devices, etc.</li> </ul>	<p><b>11<sup>th</sup> Grade <i>And Justice for All</i> Honors</b></p> <p>Required Reading: 1-<i>Snow Falling on Cedars</i>—David Guterson 2-<i>Life of Pi</i>—Yann Martel</p> <p>Assignment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take notes while reading for use during class discussion. Some items to look for might include significant quotes, evidence of symbolism or themes, notable use of literary devices, etc.</li> </ul>

<b>ADVANCED PLACEMENT</b>	
<p><b>11<sup>th</sup> Grade Advanced Placement Language &amp; Composition</b></p> <p>Required Reading: 1-<i>This Land is Their Land</i>—Barbara Ehrenreich</p> <p>Assignment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take notes while reading for use during class discussion. Some items to look for might include significant quotes, evidence of symbolism or themes, notable use of literary devices, etc.</li> </ul>	<p><b>12<sup>th</sup> Grade Advanced Placement Literature &amp; Composition</b></p> <p>Required Reading: 1-<i>Invisible Man</i>—Ralph Ellison</p> <p>Assignment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detailed assignment requirements and expectations are outlined on the <b><i>12AP Summer Reading Assignment</i></b> doc linked on the MHS English department website <a href="#">HERE</a></li> </ul>

<b>GRADE 12 COLLEGE PREP AND HONORS</b>
<p><b>12<sup>th</sup> Grade College Prep AND Honors</b></p> <p>In recognition of the time our seniors will be investing in college applications and essays over summer break, there is no required reading for any senior College Prep or Honors classes. We do, however, have a recommendation:</p> <p><b>Recommended</b> Reading for <b>ALL</b> College Prep and Honors Courses: 1-<i>The Geeks Shall Inherit the Earth</i>—Alexandra Robbins</p> <p>Assignment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read and Enjoy! While this book is not required, we HIGHLY recommend all of our senior students read it nonetheless. In a format that feels like a cross between <i>Gossip Girl &amp; Freaks and Geeks</i>, the book explains how the things that set students apart in high school, the things considered "quirky" or "weird" now, are the things that help them stand out later in life. Trust us: we think you'll love it!</li> </ul>

**\*\*BE SURE TO NOTE PAGE NUMBERS WHENEVER POSSIBLE WHEN TAKING NOTES**