

On-Level Grade 10 Summer Reading Assignment

2011

Blake High School

All Blake students entering Grade 10 in the fall will be expected to have completed a reading assignment.

You are permitted to choose any book of interest, either fiction or nonfiction, as long as it is:

- at least 150 pages,
- appropriate for classroom discussion,
- approved by a parent or guardian,
- suitable to students' individual reading levels.

You are required to complete two assignments for the book read:

- Cornell Notes for the book
- An in-class essay which will be written the first week of school

Both assignments will be a part of the first quarter grade. **Cornell notes are due Tuesday, August 30, 2011.**

Cornell Notes on Summer Reading

As you are reading, identify **at least ten passages** that you feel are important from each book. You may want to include passages about setting, characters, themes, or figurative language, or you may wish to note passages you find interesting. In the left hand column write the passage, documenting the page number of the quote as shown below. In the right hand column write a brief explanation of why you feel the passage is significant. An example from J.D. Salinger's *Catcher in the Rye* is given for you.

Passage	Explanation
"I know he's dead! Don't you think I know that? I can still like him, though, can't I? Just because somebody's dead, you don't just stop liking them...especially if they were about a thousand times nicer than the people you know that are alive and all" (171).	Holden is talking about his brother Allie. Holden seems to be having a lot of trouble dealing with his brother's death, and it has affected the way he feels about the people in his life.

At the end of your notes on your book, which will be collected on the second day of school, you need the following:

- a legible parent's or guardian's signature, attesting that you read the book
- a phone number where the parent or guardian can be reached
- the date of the parent signature

In-Class Writing

During the first week of school, you will be given a timed writing assignment. In preparation for that assignment, you should take careful notes in the form described. You will be able to use your Cornell Notes to assist you in writing the essay. Specific directions for the writing will be given by the teacher, but the assignment will be given in the form used on the new SAT so that you will become familiar with that format.

Suggestion:

While you are only required to read one book, you will find it to your advantage to read as much as possible over the summer. You should certainly read books you enjoy, but also you should read books that are challenging for you. This will better prepare you for the increasingly challenging texts you will read in the coming years. The more you read, the more fluent you become in the English language.

Note to Parents and Students:

Students should have parental approval and guidance in the selection of their book. If you need additional assistance in choosing a title, please contact your local public librarian or Blake's English resource teacher, media specialist, or, when it is more appropriate, the resource teacher for Special Education or the ESOL teacher.

For more information on summer reading, including suggested reading lists, please visit:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/readinglists/>