

Honors English 11
Summer Reading Assignment/2011
Ms. Lee

I look forward to working with you next year in Honors English 11. In order to prepare for the year ahead, I am providing you with the following summer reading assignment. Please read all information carefully. Both Part 1 and Part 2 of the assignment must be submitted to turnitin.com. Assignments that are not submitted to turnitin.com by the deadline will not receive credit.

Assignment
Part One

Log on to the SIRS Researcher site:

<http://sks.sirs.com/cgi-bin/hst-portal-res?id=SMD0990-0-8707>

or

Log on to the *Opposing Viewpoints* site:

<http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/rock34534>

Please note that both websites can be accessed through the RHS home page and all passwords are available on the Media Center EDLINE page.

- Skim several of the articles in the categories that interest you. Choose and print two sets of articles with opposing viewpoints.
- Annotate the articles as you read. After you have considered your reading, choose one of the sets of articles. Write a 1-2 page analysis comparing the arguments in the articles. Submit your essay to turnitin.com.
- Enroll in the class using the following information: Class ID 4069398 Password Honors11 (must use a capital H and no space between Honors and 11.)

Consider the following questions before writing your response:

- Which of the articles resonates with you more strongly?
- Do you agree with one more than the other? Do you see both sides?
- How do the authors create their arguments? Do they use statistics? Anecdotes? Research?
- What do they have in common?
- Are they biased? Explain.

Be prepared to discuss these articles when you return to school. You will be an "expert" on your chosen articles so it is important that you are ready to contribute thoughtfully to the discussion.

I look forward to seeing you in August and hearing what you have to say about your topics.

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Assignment Part Two

Summer Reading Assignment

First, why not select a book and read for the sheer joy of it? The RHS "good times" reading list has something for everyone ...manga, poetry, urban fiction, classics, best sellers, movie tie-ins, pop culture, physics, cadavers, science-fiction, romance, music, math, basketball, humor, danger, adventure, science, history, and more.

The **RHS Summer Reading 2011** list and the **MCPS Summer Reading 2011** list, a support for parents/guardians and students as they make appropriate reading selections, are available at the following sites:

- [✚ http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/rockvillehs/SummerReading.shtml](http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/rockvillehs/SummerReading.shtml)
- [✚ http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/readinglists/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/readinglists/)

You will be required to answer selected survey questions about your summer reading experience upon your return to RHS in August 2011.

Please read at least one book of your choice or from the RHS Summer Reading book list or the MCPS Summer Reading list. After reading, complete the following assignment:

Submit the following information to turnitin.com.

Title of book

Author

Genre (fiction, Science fiction, fantasy)

Brief summary in your own words (do not give away ending!)

Recommendation: Would you recommend this book to others? Why or why not? Is there a particular group of people to whom you would recommend the book?

Example: I would recommend *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* to anyone who loves fantasy or sci-fi literature.

OR

I would not recommend the *Gossip Girl* series to ANYONE because it is a puerile piece of writing filled with stereotypical, banal characters living a superficial existence.

Contact Us

If you do not understand any aspect of the assignment and need clarification, please send me an email.

Sincerely,

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