

## Bridge to English 10

**Summer Reading Assignment:** I look forward to working with you next year in English 10. In order to prepare for the year ahead, I am providing you with the summer reading assignment. Please read all information carefully.

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, romance, danger, adventure, science, history, and more.

The RHS Summer Reading 2009 list and the MCPS Summer Reading 2009 list, a support for parents/guardians and students as they make appropriate reading selections, are available at the following sites:

- [http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/rockvillehs/media\\_center.shtml](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/rockvillehs/media_center.shtml)
- <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 2009.

### Procedure

1. Review the MCPS/RHS summer reading lists carefully. Select ONE book that interests you and read it. **You may select a book from other reading lists, also.**
2. After you finish reading, answer **ONE** of the following questions in a well-developed paragraph. (see sample provided)
  - a. What are your feelings after reading the opening chapter(s) of this book? After reading half the book? After finishing the book?
  - b. What connections exist between the book and your life?
  - c. In what ways do you resemble any of the characters? Do any of the characters remind you of other people? Explain.
  - d. What effect does the book have on your own beliefs?
  - e. What is the most important word in the book? The most important passage? The most important event? Explain.
  - f. What parts of the book are worth reading again and again? Why?
  - g. What surprised you about the book? Why?
  - h. What confuses you about the book?
  - i. What is the significance of the title?
  - j. What questions would you like to ask the author?

## Procedures

- 1) **Internet Access:** You will submit your assignments online. If you do not have internet access at home, please use the public library.
- 2) **Turnitin.com Account:** You will need to create an account on [www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com), if you do not have one. You will then have to add the Bridge to English 2009-2010 to your account. You will submit your assignment via this website - you will use this website all year.
  - Here is a link to the Student Quick Start Guide to help you set up this account: [http://www.turnitin.com/static/pdf/tii\\_student\\_qs.pdf](http://www.turnitin.com/static/pdf/tii_student_qs.pdf)  
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Class ID: 2745923  
Enrollment password: Bridge

## Assessment

The **THREE** parts of this assignment will be assessed as follows:

- HW for Practice/Preparation Completion Grade (10%)
  - **Paragraph based on one question using sample format**
- Formative Assessment (60%)
  - **In class essay about text during first week of school**
- Summative Assessment (30%)
  - **In class discussion about text:**
  - **Work must be typed using Times New Roman 12 pt font, double-spaced**

If you find you do not understand any aspect of the assignment and need clarification, please send me an email @ the following address:

[Martin\\_J\\_McCarrick@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Martin_J_McCarrick@mcpsmd.org)

## Summer Reading Sample

Name:	Joe Smith
Teacher:	Mr. McCarrick
Title of Text:	<i>The Grapes of Wrath</i>
Author of Text:	John Steinbeck
Question You are Answering:	In what ways do you resemble any of the characters? Do any of the characters remind you of other people? Explain.
Paragraph Response:	<p>I feel a deep connection to Tom Joad in <i>The Grapes of Wrath</i>. Tom is an interesting character who is always questioning society, yet he also tries to understand his role. He understands the importance of family, but he is continuously questioning his family's decisions. I feel a connection to him because I am always questioning my parents. I realize that they are only doing what they think is beneficial for me, but sometimes I disagree with them. Sometimes I want to do what I think is correct for me, but I also understand that my parents would not give me this advice unless they truly meant it. I have trouble listening to my parents without trying out what I think is best. On certain occasions, I want to use the "trial and error" technique rather than just trust my parents' opinion. Tom Joad is a curious character who wants to make his own decisions, yet realizes that his decisions affect his family and friends. I sympathize with Tom because although I want to make my own choices, I realize that I have to respect my family and friends and do what is best for the important people in my life.</p>