

Honors English 11
Summer Reading Assignment/2009
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We look forward to working with you next year in Honors English 11. In order to prepare for the year ahead, we are providing you with the following summer reading assignment. Please read all information carefully.

Assignment
Part One

- Log on to the *Opposing Viewpoints* site:
<http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/mcps>
Login: mcps Password: mcps

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. 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.

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

NOTE: For students who are unable to access to the internet, PDF files of the following articles will be available in the English office. Please complete the above assignment using these articles.

Cosmetic Surgery Is Okay for Teenagers
Cosmetic Surgery May Be Harmful to Teenagers

Popular Culture Does Not Negatively Influence America's Youth
Popular Culture Negatively Influences America's Youth

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 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/curriculum/readinglists/>

You will be required to answer selected survey questions about your summer reading experience upon your return to RHS in August 2009.

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:

On an index card, complete the following information based on your book. These cards will be kept on file and used as a recommendation source for your outside reading books throughout the year.

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 us an email.

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