

"When I look back, I am so impressed again with the life-giving power of literature. If I were a young person today, trying to gain a sense of myself in the world, I would do that again by reading, just as I did when I was young."

~ Maya Angelou



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Educational research confirms that reading is a core skill. Since students who read usually excel in all areas of study, Montgomery County Public Schools wants its students to benefit from summer reading. This helps prepare them for the upcoming school year and maintains their skills in reading, thinking, and vocabulary.

We ask that incoming seniors select one novel to read over the summer. When the students return to school in the fall, they are expected to bring their completed assignments.

Please support our efforts by encouraging your child to enjoy the summer reading.

The Quince Orchard English Department



Quince Orchard High School 2011-2012

Summer Reading Program



GRADE 12

Dear Student,

Because reading is integral to good thinking and writing, each student entering English 12 at Quince Orchard High School in August 2011 is required to complete a reading assignment in preparation for the fall semester.

Requirements

- Read a novel written during your lifetime.
- Answer the reader-response questions.
- Type or write neatly in ink.
- Respond to each question on a separate page.
- For the novel, record the following at the top of your first response:
 - Title, author, copyright date, number of pages.

Choosing a Book

- Please do not select a previously-read novel or required school title.
- Select a novel that is on or somewhat above your reading level.
- Make sure that the novel was published after you were born.
- Check out a novel from the QOHS Media Center that will be due when school starts next year or one from the public library. Students may, of course, purchase books as another option.

Assignment

Answer each of the following reader-response questions.

- 1) Select a passage from your novel that illustrates a theme. Copy the passage. In a well-written paragraph, identify the theme, connect the passage to that theme, and then connect the theme to the entire novel. Be sure to develop your paragraph using specific examples.
- 2) You were asked to read a book written in your lifetime. After completing your reading, write a well-developed paragraph connecting the book to your life by identifying situations, people, or events relevant to your life. Be sure to include specific examples as support.
- 3) Would you recommend this novel to another student? In a well-written paragraph, explain why or why not. Be sure to indicate specific criteria/reasons supporting your recommendation.

Due Date

Bring the completed assignment to class on the first day of school.

Late Enrollment

Students who enroll after the start of the first semester will have three weeks to complete the summer reading assignment.