

**Honors English 11 (AP Language and Composition 1)**  
**Summer Reading Assignment/2012**  
**Mrs. Byrne/Ms. Lee**

We look forward to working with you next year in Honors English 11 (AP Language and Composition 1). In order to prepare for the year ahead, we are 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 <http://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 @ page @ [https://www.edline.net/pages/Rockville\\_HS/Media\\_Center](https://www.edline.net/pages/Rockville_HS/Media_Center) - **Contents - Online Services and EBooks**

- Skim several of the articles in the categories that interest you. Choose and read 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 multi-paragraph essay that compares and contrasts the arguments of the two essays using the answers to the bulleted items below.
  - 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.
- Submit your essay to <http://turnitin.com/> by enrolling in a new class: Class ID 5161332 Password honors11 (must use a lower case "h" and no space between honors and 11.)

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.

## **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 2012** list and the **MCPS Summer Reading 2012** 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/SummerReading.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 2012.

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 us an email.

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