

2017 Summer Reading Assignment
Albert Einstein High School

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Purpose and Nature of the Assignment

The Montgomery County Public School System encourages students to read over the summer because of the many benefits and joys of reading. Studies show that well-read students have advanced vocabularies, strong critical thinking skills, and greater success on standardized tests. We hope you will enjoy your reading this summer and that it provides you with an opportunity to see the world from a different perspective or to learn something new about yourself. Completion of the summer reading assignment will also reinforce the comprehension and analysis skills that are central to the English curriculum.

All students in grades English 9, 10, 11, and 12 and English Honors 9, 10, 11, and 12 must read one book of their choice. The book you select should be one that you have never read before (either for pleasure or for a class). The book should be written in English, at least 150 pages long, and matched with your reading level. Books are available at your local library and bookstores. Please see list of recommended books available on the MCPS website: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/readinglists/>

ASSIGNMENT TO COMPLETE OVER THE SUMMER: All three assignments are DUE on September 8!

- 1) Choose 10 vocabulary words** from your book. Define each word and use it in a detailed sentence that shows you know what the word means.

WORD	PART of SPEECH & DEFINITION	ORIGINAL SENTENCE USING THE WORD

- 2) Complete the attached chart.**

- 3) Write a well-developed paragraph** describing **your opinion about the book and whether you would recommend the book to a friend to read**. Consider the main ideas, characters, plot, and the author's style. Explain why or why not, and justify your explanation with specific examples from the text. Your paragraph must be at least 300 words, typed, and double-spaced. **Typed work will be submitted to Turnitin.com when school resumes.**

SUMMER READING CHART

Circle course: English 9 10 11 12 Honors: Yes or No

Student name: _____

Book title: _____

Author: _____

Publication Year: _____

<p>Summarize the PLOT of the book (at least five complete sentences).</p>	<p>Identify your favorite and least favorite CHARACTERS and explain your reasoning.</p>
<p>Copy your two favorite QUOTATIONS and comment on the significance.</p>	<p>List two main IDEAS conveyed by the book. (These may be stated as a theme.) Explain why you made this choice for each idea.</p>