We look forward to working with you next year in English 9. In order to prepare for the year ahead, we are providing you with the following summer reading assignment. Please read the information below carefully. If you have any questions, please contact one of the English 9 teachers using the e-mail addresses above. The electronic copy of the assignment will be turned in during class on September 8, 2017.

Goal: To examine two different genres of literature

Keep reading a variety of books all summer long. Summer reading is one way to help you develop your literacy skills, broaden your interests, and extend your background knowledge.

You may use the resources noted at http://rockvillehs.montgomeryschoolsmd.libguides.com/books to select books that are diverse in terms of challenge, ethnicity and culture, topics, classic and contemporary time periods, and genres. There is something here for everybody. This is also a good opportunity to become re-acquainted with the services available at your local Montgomery County Public Libraries branch. Your library card and account allow you to access many services online. If you do not have a library card, here are easy instructions for how to obtain one. Be sure to visit your local library to find books you will enjoy!
Assignment Directions

1. **Select and read two books of two different genres.** At least one of the two books must be a narrative. This narrative may be fiction or nonfiction. Both should be books that are new to you. Consider picking at least one book from a genre that is outside of your usual reading.

2. **Complete two writing assignments.** You must complete both writing assignments, but may choose which book you use for each assignment. Both assignments should be completed in one document which will be uploaded to Turnitin.com during class on September 8, 2017.

Writing Assignment #1

**Write a book review.**
The purpose of a book review is to briefly summarize a book and give your opinion of it. Your book review should be 250-500 words and should be in essay format.

**For Narrative Books:** - Consider the following questions when writing your review.

1. **Summarize the book**
   a. What was the title, genre, and author?
   b. What was the story about? Summarize, but do not give away the ending!
   c. Who were the main characters?
      i. Were the characters credible?
      ii. What did the main characters do in the story?
   d. Did the main characters run into any problems? Adventures?
   e. What was the setting of the book?
      i. What was the effect of the setting on the story? Why?

2. **Your personal experiences**
   a. Could you relate to any of the characters in the story?
   b. Have you ever done or felt some of the things, the characters did?

3. **Your opinion**
   a. Did you like the book?
   b. Did you have a favorite character? Why?
   c. What was your favorite part of the book?
   d. Do you have a least favorite part of the book?
   e. If you could change something, what would it be? (If you wish you could change the ending, don't reveal it!)

4. **Your recommendation**
   a. Would you recommend this book to another person?
   b. What type of person would like this book?
For Expository books - Consider the following when writing your review.

1. **What was the topic of the book?**
   a. Title
   b. Author
   c. Area of study

2. **What was the author’s purpose in writing the book?**
   a. What did you expect to learn?
   b. Did the book accomplish that purpose?
   c. Write a summary of what you learned from reading the book.

3. **Did the book contain special features (maps, graphs, pictures)? If so, what were they?**
   a. Did those features effectively enhance your understanding of the topic? Explain why.

4. **What is your opinion of the book?**
   a. Did you like the book?
   b. What was your favorite part of the book?
   c. Do you have a least favorite part of the book?
   d. If you could change something, what would it be?

5. **Would you recommend this book to others?**
   a. What type of reader would enjoy this book?

Writing Assignment #2

**Write a narrative.**

Rewrite a portion of the story from the point of view of one of the other characters. Your narrative should be 250 - 500 words long.

As you write be sure to consider the following:

1. Be sure that your story has a beginning, middle, and end.
2. Be sure that your narrative will make sense to someone who has not read the book.
3. How would this character see the situation differently from the original narrator?
4. If it is present in the original, include dialogue. If you need help with punctuating dialogue, consult this website.
Rubrics

Scoring Guide for Book Review - Writing Assignment #1
An excellent response will have the following characteristics:

- information is very organized with a well constructed opinion and supporting detail.
- the review is honest and authentic. It is clear how you felt about the book and why.
- purposefully uses vivid language and concrete vocabulary. Varies sentence structure skillfully for stylistic effect.
- is generally free of errors in grammar, usage, and mechanics.

Scoring Guide for Narrative Response - Writing Assignment #2
An excellent response will have the following characteristics:

- effectively communicates the narrative, maintaining consistency with the original passage in characterization, tone and setting.
- offers a creative and logical resolution or development of the conflict.
- purposefully uses vivid language and concrete vocabulary. Varies sentence structure skillfully for stylistic effect.
- is generally free of errors in grammar, usage, and mechanics.