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English 9 Summer Reading Assignment 2019

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We look forward to working with you next year in English 9. To prepare for the year ahead, 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.

Goal: To examine a specific genre 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.

Use the resources @ [Rockville High School Media Center: Books](#) to select books that are diverse in terms of challenge, ethnicity and culture, topics, time periods (classic and contemporary), 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 access to 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. **Read the attached article** from Cornell University: [How to Read Closely](#)
2. **Select and read one book.** It should be a book that is new to you. Consider picking a book from a genre that is outside of your usual reading. The book must be age appropriate (No *Clifford the Big Red Dog* type books).
3. As you read, apply the strategies from the article to your reading. Since you can't write in a library book, consider using post-it notes to jot down your ideas as you read, then transfer those notes to index cards or looseleaf paper. You should have at least ten entries that cover the span of the book. When school starts in September you will be asked to complete an assignment based on your summer reading.
4. **Bring the notes with you to class** at the start of 9th grade to use as an aid on your in-class assignment.