

12th Grade English Summer Reading Requirements 2011-12

Two works are to be read by Seniors.

Seniors should first read the required book for all students in their grade, then call the Upper School office after July 1 to confirm course enrollment before reading the second work.

The English Department at Westminster understands that it is impossible to eliminate all objectionable materials in texts. Each book chosen for summer reading has been found to be relevant to other components of the curriculum. A student or parent who finds, within the required text, anything objectionable may mark out that particular portion and may be assured that the element in question is not the reason the text has been selected.

To ensure good recall of the major themes and elements of the texts, students are strongly urged to take notes on each book, recording major characters, conflicts, settings and themes.

Required reading for all Seniors

Till We Have Faces, ISBN 0156904365, by C.S. Lewis

Assignment

In-class essay will be written on the required text

British Literature

In addition to the required reading for all Seniors, one text of choice from the list below is required for British Literature.

Sense and Sensibility.....	Austen
Waiting for Godot	Beckett
Jane Eyre.....	Bronte
The Napoleon of Notting Hill	Chesterton
Hard Times.....	Dickens
Crime and Punishment	Dostoevsky
The Brothers Karamazov.....	Dostoevsky
Tom Jones	Fielding
Madame Bovary.....	Flaubert
A Passage to India	Forster
Grendel.....	Gardner
The Quiet American	Greene
The Mayor of Casterbridge.....	Hardy
The Return of the Native	Hardy
Hedda Gabler	Ibsen
The Portrait of a Lady.....	James
A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man	Joyce
Doctor Faustus	Marlowe
Ivanhoe	Scott
King Lear.....	Shakespeare
Othello.....	Shakespeare
Measure for Measure.....	Shakespeare
Gulliver's Travels (Books 1 and 2).....	Swift
Vanity Fair.....	Thackeray
Anna Karenina	Tolstoy

AP English Literature

In addition to the required reading for all Seniors, *Grendel*, ISBN 0679723110, by John Gardner, is required for AP English Literature. An in-class essay will be written on both texts.