

SUMMER READING 2016

FRESHMEN

Read three out of the five books listed below:

- “The Secret Life of Bees”....Sue Monk Kidd
- “Fallen Angels”....Walter Dean Myers
- “Killing Mr. Griffin”....Lois Duncan
- “I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings”...Maya Angelou
- “Animal Farm”.....George Orwell

Choose one book and write a 300 word essay comparing a situation or character in the book to something that is happening currently in our lives...e.g. Racial difficulties in “The Secret Life of Bees” to Black Lives Matter.

SOPHOMORES

- Books
 - "Between the World and Me" by Ta-Nehisi Coates
 - "The First Part Last" by Angela Johnson
- Assignment
 - 500 word summary of/response to each chapter of "Between the World and Me" (1500 words total)
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 - 500 word minimum essay that that compares/contrasts the two books on themes such as:
 - Race (Black/Brown America vs. White America)
 - Age (New Generation vs. Old)
 - Age (Adulthood vs. Childhood)
 - Gender (Masculinity vs.Femininity)
 - Socioeconomic Status (Rich vs. Poor vs. Middle Class)

JUNIORS

- Book
 - "The Beautiful Struggle" by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- Assignment
 - 250 word summary of/response to each chapter of "Between the World and Me" (1500 words total)
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 - 500 word minimum research essay that uses at least two legitimate sources and discusses one of the following:

- The Effect of the Crack Epidemic on major cities especially Baltimore
- The Effects of White Flight on major cities
- At least 3 different examples from the book must be discussed in detail

SENIORS

Read three out of the following five books:

“Kindred”....Octavia Butler

“The Autobiography of Malcolm X”

“The Women of Brewster Place”....Gloria Naylor

“A Tale of Two Cities”...Charles Dickens

“The Scarlet Letter”....Nathaniel Hawthorne

Write a 500 word essay that compares and contrasts the era of the book with today’s world. Use the characters to show the differences.

Write a 300 word character study of the character of your choice explaining personality traits (eg the minister in The Scarlet Letter being afraid of losing his reputation), emotions and how the times affected his/her behavior.