

11th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Welcome to British Literature! I'm excited to be teaching you in the upcoming school year.

Before we come back in August, you'll need to complete a summer reading assignment. All students will be required to choose a book from the list below. Those in the **Honors Class will be required to read two**. When you read your novel, do so very carefully. You should take notes in your book, underlining key lines or writing notes in the margin that help you to process the work (or use post-its with key details. Looking for patterns (repeated words, images, references) will be helpful and you should be sure to mark them. Also, highlighting events important to the plot will enable you to recall the details of each story when we begin British Literature class in the fall. Be prepared to use highlights and notes to study for the quiz on your novel(s) in the first few days of class. (Hint: SparkNotes will not be enough to do well on the quiz.)

Note: In case of failure, students may show significant notes or post-its in the book to make up points (or notes added to the ebook)—no points will be given for notes outside of the book.

Your reading selections include (choose one of the following for Brit Lit and two for Honors Brit Lit*):

The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency – Alexander McCall Smith (Not an option for Honors)

Piranesi—Susanna Clarke

Wuthering Heights – Emily Bronte

A Room with a View – E.M. Forster

A Tale of Two Cities – Charles Dickens

The Wide Sargasso Sea – Jean Rhys

The Picture of Dorian Gray – Oscar Wilde

The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde – Robert Louis Stevenson

The Fellowship of the Ring – J.R.R. Tolkien

Rebecca – Daphne du Maurier

Pride and Prejudice – Jane Austen

* Students not in the Honors class are encouraged, but not required, to choose a second novel. Extra credit will be given for any Brit Lit or Honors Brit Lit student who reads an extra novel. The two most accessible novels are *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* and *Piranesi*.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at vdavis@scs.edu.do.

See you in the fall!

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