

# 11<sup>th</sup> 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, with at least one of the books from the bolded selections. 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. Looking for patterns (repeated words, images, references) may 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 you begin English class. Be prepared to show me your book and 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.)

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

*Jane Eyre* – Charlotte Bronte

*Wuthering Heights* – Emily Bronte

*A Room with a View* – E.M. Forster

*A Tale of Two Cities (or Great Expectations)* – Charles Dickens

*The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* – Alexander McCall Smith

*Piranesi*– Susanna Clarke

***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\*\***

***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.

\*\*Bold-print books are difficult either due to length or Lexile levels. All Honors students are required to choose at least one bolded book; students not in the Honors class who want an extra challenge are permitted to read one from that list. The two most accessible novels (due to length and more modern-sounding language) 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](mailto:vdavis@scs.edu.do).

See you in the fall!

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