

# CHRISTCHURCH SCHOOL

Christchurch, Virginia

Department of English

Summer Reading (2009)

The English Department at Christchurch School seeks to promote a student's love for reading while strengthening his/her ability to comprehend and discuss significant works of literature.

Summer Reading is a requirement for all students in all English classes. Students in regular English classes will choose **at least two books**. Incoming freshman may choose from the higher grade level lists; Upperclassmen may not choose from lower grade level lists.

Students in **English III Honors** and **English IV Honors** will read **three books**:

- the first, a common text chosen by the teacher;
- the second, from titles marked with a cross (+) on the appended list; and
- the third, chosen at liberty from the appended list.

We feel that students are being offered a great variety of interesting literature, suggested by the faculty and staff, a selection ranging from the classics to contemporary works.

Students will keep journals for both written and speech work, the guidelines for which are listed below (a sample journal entry is also provided) to help them generate personal reactions, in writing, to the books they read. These journals should reflect ideas, thoughts, and opinions about the chosen books.

- *Written journals* (for one of the texts) will be submitted on the first day of class, **word-processed and printed**. Students will be graded with respect to the effort in responding to the guidelines. Returning students should e-mail a copy of their work to their school e-mail address so that they have a text to store on the network.
- *Speech journals* (for the second text) will be presented as an **oral report** in class, from notecards, at a time to be determined by the English teacher.

Students will discuss responses to their summer readings during the first week of school and should bring their books to class on the first day.

Our goal at Christchurch School is to grow as a community that reads fluently and with enthusiasm. The English faculty hopes you have a restful summer and memorable encounters with great writers.

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