

Junior Summer Reading College Prep and Foundations and Resource Room

The teachers of junior English at Lenape Valley Regional High School would like to welcome all students to the eleventh grade and the study of composition and British literature. The junior year will strengthen students' ability to analyze literature critically and independently. In order to maintain reading practice and to prepare students for new learning experiences and higher expectations, the junior English teachers are requiring that all students read one (1) piece of literature during the summer. As the focus of junior study is British Literature, students are being given the opportunity to explore either classic or contemporary British writing. The choice should reflect personal interest and reveal one's continued development as a lifelong reader.

***READ at least ONE classic or contemporary work written by a British author.**

A contemporary work is one published during the 20th or 21st century and paints a modern portrait of British life. A classic work is one published before the 20th century. Students are encouraged to select a book which catches their interest and matches their reading ability. As they read, students are **required** to complete the active reading task. This task, along with an in-class reading assessment, will count as 10% of the first marking period grade.

Active Reading Task

Log-as-you-go: Divide your novel or drama into a minimum of 5 sections (more is fine, less is unacceptable). Keep track of important information about characters and events by recording your notes in a journal. Logs must include **responses** to characters, ideas, style, situations, etc. However, mere plot summary will not be acceptable. You may include favorite scenes, excerpts, descriptions, questions, predictions, quotes, etc. Be sure to indicate page numbers next to all notes.

At the top of each entry indicate the chapters or scenes/acts that are being covered. **All entries must be hand written.**

Feel free to pose questions that you hope to answer as you read.

***Remember** to bring this active reading journal to class on the first day of school. In addition to being weighted as part of the summer reading assessment, these notes will assist you in completing the assessment; both will count as 10% of your first marking period grade.

Suggested British Authors

Modern

Chinua Achebe
Margaret Atwood
J.G. Ballard
Maeve Binchy
Elizabeth Bowen
John Braine
Ivy Compton-Burnett
Joseph Conrad
Douglas Adams
E.M. Forster
Lewis Gibbon
William Golding
Nadine Gordimer
Ian McEwan
Kazuo Ishiguro

D.H. Lawrence
Rosamund Lehmann
Doris Lessing
David Lodge
Somerset Maugham
Frank McCourt
V.S. Naipul
Frank O'Conner
Liam O'Flaherty
Jean Rhys
Stevie Smith
Evelyn Waugh
H.G. Wells
Michael Ondaatje
Penelope Lively

Classic

Jane Austen
Charlotte Bronte
Anne Bronte
Lewis Carroll
Daniel Defoe
Charles Dickens
Arthur Conan Doyle
George Eliot
Henry Fielding
Penelope Fitzgerald
Elizabeth Gaskell
Lawrence Stern

Thomas Hardy
Samuel Johnson
Rudyard Kipling
John Lechete
Thomas Malory
Sir Walter Scott
Robert Louis
Stevenson
Jonathan Swift
William Thackeray
Anthony Trollope
Oscar Wilde

Titles Excluded From List

The following titles are part of the LVHS curricula and are not to be read for the summer reading assignment:

Pride and Prejudice
Animal Farm
1984
Silas Marner

Frankenstein
Lord of the Flies
Jude the Obscure

Wuthering Heights
Brave New World
Hard Times