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SUMMER READING REQUIREMENT for SEPTEMBER 2018

The English Department of Central High School is excited to announce its Summer Reading assignments for 2018. Each reading selection was chosen to serve as an introduction into the literary theme for each grade level and to appeal to student interest. Therefore, for Summer 2018 the new reading assignments are the following:

- Students entering English I, English II, English III, and English IV must read and study the required (starred) reading selection
- Students entering English II Honors, English III AP, and English IV AP must read and study **the second** choice from the prescribed list

All of our English teachers will assess the reading of these books within the first week of school. While these assignments can be a combination of both formative and summative assessments such as class analyses, objective tests, verbal and written presentations, and research projects, **the assessment for summer reading will be a major grade for first quarter.** These opening assessments will demonstrate student preparation for the coming year, serve as a diagnostic tool for the English teachers, and be the initial grade entered for the new school year. Students are strongly encouraged to purchase the books; however, students may also borrow the books from any library. While there are no study guides available, students are also strongly encouraged to take notes and annotate each work as a course of study, as each work can be used multiple times throughout the school year and especially on both the Mid-term and Final examinations.

Some of the suggestions for note taking and annotation for each book are as follows:

- Research authors, locales, and critical reviews for each work
- Take notes in a literary journal on themes, style, plot, vocabulary, characters, conflict, tone, mood, questions you may have, etc.

Remember this close reading prepares students for the advanced literary analysis that will be required during the school year; therefore, read carefully and deeply and review before school opens.

SUMMER READING IS MANDATORY FOR ALL GRADES

****Check the Central website for further information-
<https://centralhs.philasd.org/>****

Freshman Summer Reading – 2018

Author

Title

Patricia McCormick

*Never Fall Down**

Sophomore Summer Reading – 2018

Author

Title

Octavia Butler

*Kindred**

Gabriel Garcia Marquez

Chronicle of a Death Foretold

Junior Summer Reading – 2018

Author

Title

Jesmyn Ward

*Sing, Unburied, Sing**

Kurt Vonnegut

Slaughterhouse Five

Senior Summer Reading – 2018

Author

Title

Viet Thanh Nguyen

*The Sympathizer**

Ta-Nehisi Coates

Between the World and Me

***Reminder: All starred selections are required for all students in that grade group, and a second selection is required for Honors and Advanced Placement students in that grade group.**