

McGill-Toolen Catholic High School

English Summer Reading for Juniors – 2010/11

In conjunction with the History department's required reading, all students can expect a writing assessment based on reading Three Cups of Tea.

AP Junior English --See additional handout to come later. Required titles are *In Cold Blood* (\$15.00) by Truman Capote and *How to Read Literature like a Professor: A Lovely and Entertaining Guide to Reading Between the Lines* (\$14.00) by Thomas C. Foster.

Required Junior Honors:

All juniors enrolled in Honors English must read *Lord of the Flies* (\$10.00) by William Golding. As you read, take notes.

- * What are the major themes?
- * Who are the major and minor characters; what are their personality traits/flaws; and what do these characters symbolize?
- * What other symbols did you find in the novel?
- * Why is it important that the novel takes place on a deserted island?

I want your own thoughts, not those of others (including Cliff). I expect all students to be prepared to discuss this novel during the first few days of school in August. A test will also be given early in the quarter.

Recommended:

Junior students in all levels are encouraged to read as much as they can during summer break. Reading should be enjoyed! One of the best ways to foster the love of reading is to talk about what you have read. Parents, please engage your children in conversations about the book(s) they are reading or interesting articles in magazines or newspapers.

Extra Credit:

All junior students can earn up to ten points extra credit per book by reading and creating a reading journal for each of the following books as directed on the back of this sheet. (Maximum extra credit will be 40 points–10 points for each completed reading journal.) There is a limit of one reading journal per quarter.

The Client by John Grisham (\$8.00)

Great Expectations by Charles Dickens (\$5.00)

Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom (\$14.00)

Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte (\$5.00)

Junior AP students may also read *Lord of the Flies*.

DIRECTIONS FOR DOUBLE-ENTRY READING JOURNAL

10 points per journal per quarter

1. Begin each journal with the book's title and author.
2. Write neatly and legibly in blue or black ink.
3. Give one quote from every ten to twenty pages for a total of ten quotes for the book.
4. Divide each page of your journal into a left and right column.
5. In the left column write a direct quote of at least twenty words in length. Include the quote's page number.
6. In the right column identify each of the following for the quote given in the left column:
 1. Explain what the quote means within the context of the surrounding events or ideas.
 2. Explain what exactly interested you about this quote, whether it's the author's characterization, word choice, or ideas.
 3. Explain what this quote made you feel or think about.