

## **Outside Reading Overview for the 2016-2017 School Year**

### **Outside Reading 2016-2017**

It is the policy of the MBJH eighth grade English Department for students to read books outside of the required classroom reading on their own throughout the course of the year. Students can choose to read any book they want; however, it is suggested that the text challenge and interest the reader. To ensure that students stay on track with reading, the English teachers will assess outside reading every nine-week grading period.

### **In-class Reading:**

Students will be given time in class to read their outside reading books on Tuesdays after the weekly quiz. This will occur as long as we are not reading a class novel. Please note that students are expected to read their novels of choice outside of the classroom. The protected time in class is not the only time when students should be reading their novels.

### **Weekly Assessments:**

Students will be given time at the end of class on Tuesday to create a bullet-point summary of the book they are reading. The bullet-point summaries should be detailed and provide evidence to the teacher that the student has read a sufficient amount of the novel each week. The summaries should also provide a clear understanding and comprehension of the events, characters, and plot of the novel. At the end of classes where outside reading time has been implemented, students will be given an opportunity to share with the class a book recommendation, something he likes about the novel, or any other tidbit that will motivate students to read the book.

### **CQC Paragraphs:**

Students will be required to write a paragraph for each novel he reads in the first nine-week period (two books=two paragraphs). The book paragraphs will be structured in MLA format and will follow the guidelines for formal writing.

### **Formal Assessments:**

Students will participate in quarterly book assessments. They will be given the choice of which outside reading book to discuss. The discussions will vary in format each quarter, but students should bring their books with them to class the day of the discussions.