

Montgomery High School

English Department



Program Overview 2017

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REQUIRED TEXT(S) AND ASSIGNMENTS*

GRADE 9	
9th Grade College Prep Required Reading: 1- <i>The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian</i> —Sherman Alexie Assignment:  Take notes while reading for use during class discussion. Some items to look for might include significant quotes, evidence of symbolism or themes, notable use of literary devices, etc.	9th Grade Honors Required Reading: 1- <i>The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian</i> —Sherman Alexie 2- <i>The Namesake</i> —Jhumpa Lahiri Assignment:  Take notes while reading for use during class discussion. Some items to look for might include significant quotes, evidence of symbolism or themes, notable use of literary devices, etc.
GRADE 10	
10th Grade College Prep Required Reading: 1- <i>In the Shadow of Blackbirds</i> —Cat Winters Note: This work is a carefully researched historical fiction novel with elements of magic. It is not an entirely realistic story. Assignment:  Take notes while reading for use during class discussion, which will explore how and why people's opinions can be so different. Look for significant quotes that provide evidence of characters' viewpoints. Also, note the various societal forces that affect these views, including WWI, definitions of patriotism, gender roles, etc.	10th Grade Honors Required Reading: 1- <i>The Joy Luck Club</i> —Amy Tan Assignment:  Take notes while reading for use during class discussion. Some items to look for might include significant quotes, evidence of symbolism or themes, notable use of literary devices, etc.
GRADE 11	
11th Grade College Prep AND Honors Required Reading for FALL Courses: 1- <i>Persepolis: The Story of Childhood</i> —Marjane Satrapi Required Reading for SPRING Courses: 1- <i>Life of Pi</i> —Yann Martel Assignment:  Take notes while reading for use during class discussion. Some items to look for might include significant quotes, evidence of symbolism or themes, notable use of literary devices, etc.	11th Grade Advanced Placement Required Reading: 1- <i>This Land is Their Land</i> —Barbara Ehrenreich Assignment:  Take notes while reading for use during class discussion. Some items to look for might include significant quotes, evidence of symbolism or themes, notable use of literary devices, etc.
GRADE 12	
12th Grade College Prep AND Honors Recommended Reading for ALL (Fall and Spring) Courses: 1- <i>The Geeks Shall Inherit the Earth</i> —Alexandra Robbins Assignment:  Read and Enjoy! While this book is not required, we HIGHLY recommend all of our senior students read it nonetheless. In a format that feels like a cross between <i>Gossip Girl</i> & <i>Freaks and Geeks</i> , the book explains how the things that set students apart in high school, the things considered "quirky" or "weird" now, are the things that help them stand out later in life. Trust us: we think you'll love it!	12th Grade Advanced Placement Required Reading: 1- <i>Antigone</i> —Sophocles 2- <i>King Lear</i> —Shakespeare Assignment:  First: read and take notes on the <i>Oedipus and Tragic Hero</i> slideshow which will be posted on Mr. Lopez's web page  Second: read and take notes to be used in class discussion on <i>Antigone</i> and <i>King Lear</i>

****BE SURE TO NOTE PAGE NUMBERS WHEN TAKING NOTES**