

# Montgomery High School English Department



## Program Overview 2019

### Questions?

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## REQUIRED TEXT(S) AND ASSIGNMENTS

GRADE 9	
<p><b>9<sup>th</sup> Grade College Prep</b>            Required Reading:            1-<i>The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian</i>—Sherman Alexie</p> <p>Assignment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<p><b>9<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors</b>            Required Reading:            1-<i>The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian</i>—Sherman Alexie            2-<i>The Namesake</i>—Jhumpa Lahiri</p> <p>Assignment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take <u>handwritten</u> notes while reading the assigned texts. Notes should focus on:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>identity (how it is shaped, impacted, changed, etc.)</li> <li>how one's home shapes one's identity</li> <li>significant quotes</li> <li>symbolism, themes, and other notable literary devices</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
GRADE 10	
<p><b>10<sup>th</sup> Grade College Prep</b>            Required Reading:            1- "These Shining Lives" by Melanie Marnich (pdf file linked on the MHS English Department website <a href="#">HERE</a>)</p> <p>Assignment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take notes while reading for use during class discussion and assessment. Use the specific thematic and text based focus questions for each text in the packet to help guide your note taking.</li> <li>Refer to the assignment chart in the reading packet to help you organize your notes.</li> </ul>	<p><b>10<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors</b>            Required Reading:            1-<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>—Harper Lee</p> <p>Assignment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>Print and complete the <b><i>Bank of Knowledge</i></b> handout found on the English Department website <a href="#">HERE</a></li> </ul>
GRADE 11 COLLEGE PREP (Please complete the assignment for your FALL course placement)	
<p><b>11<sup>th</sup> Grade <i>Heroes, Villains &amp; Monsters</i> CP</b>            Required Reading:            1-<i>Of Mice and Men</i>—John Steinbeck</p> <p>Assignment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<p><b>11<sup>th</sup> Grade <i>And Justice for All</i> CP</b>            Required Reading:            1-<i>Of Mice and Men</i>—John Steinbeck</p> <p>Assignment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>

<b>GRADE 11 HONORS</b> <b>(Please complete the assignment for your FALL course placement)</b>	
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Grade <i>Heroes, Villains &amp; Monsters</i> Honors</b> Required Reading: 1- <i>Chronicle of a Death Foretold</i> —Gabriel Garcia Marquez 2- <i>Where You Go Is Not Who You'll Be</i> —Frank Bruni  Assignment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Grade <i>And Justice for All</i> Honors</b> Required Reading: 1- <i>Chronicle of a Death Foretold</i> —Gabriel Garcia Marquez 2- <i>Where You Go Is Not Who You'll Be</i> —Frank Bruni  Assignment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>

<b>ADVANCED PLACEMENT</b>	
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Grade Advanced Placement Language &amp; Composition</b> Required Reading: 1 - <i>The Overachievers: The Secret Lives of Driven Kids</i> - Alexandra Robbins 2 - Choose one (1) "Required Choice Text" listed on the <b>11AP Summer Reading Assignment</b> doc <a href="#">HERE</a>  Assignment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detailed assignment requirements and expectations for both readings are outlined on the <b>11AP Summer Reading Assignment</b> doc linked on the MHS English department website <a href="#">HERE</a></li> </ul>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Grade Advanced Placement Literature &amp; Composition</b> Required Reading: 1- <i>Invisible Man</i> —Ralph Ellison  Assignment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detailed assignment requirements and expectations are outlined on the <b>12AP Summer Reading Assignment</b> doc linked on the MHS English department website <a href="#">HERE</a></li> </ul>

<b>GRADE 12 COLLEGE PREP AND HONORS</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Grade College Prep AND Honors</b> In recognition of the time our seniors will be investing in college applications and essays over summer break, there is no required reading for any senior College Prep or Honors classes. We do, however, have a recommendation:  <b>Recommended Reading for ALL College Prep and Honors Courses:</b> 1- <i>The Geeks Shall Inherit the Earth</i> —Alexandra Robbins  Assignment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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> &amp; <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!</li> </ul>

**\*\*BE SURE TO NOTE PAGE NUMBERS WHENEVER POSSIBLE WHEN TAKING NOTES**