

June 2024

Dear Honors English IV Student:

Summer reading is an important part of the curriculum at Gloucester City High School. The staff has carefully selected your reading book, choosing the texts for their appropriateness in terms of reading level and their value as literary classics with which high school students should be familiar.

You have been assigned *Tess of the D'Urbervilles* by Thomas Hardy or *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley as your summer reading text. The reading must be completed by the first day of school. The essay will be written in class during the first week of school.

1. As you read, pay attention to character development, setting, plot, symbolism, theme, and figures of speech. A Google Slides on the HEIV Google Classroom will provide more guidance. You will be assigned a literary analysis task upon your return to school in September. If you need sticky notes, come see me.
2. Use sticky notes to make annotations for the literary elements listed above directly in the novel. If you need sticky notes, come see me.
3. You should have at least one sticky note per chapter for one of the literary terms.
4. You should also note a summary of important plot information for each section in a document.

We strongly advocate for leisure reading as well. Engaging with books, magazines, and newspapers over the summer will not only broaden your knowledge but also keep your reading skills honed, which will prove beneficial in all your classes next year.

Have a wonderful vacation. We are looking forward to seeing you in September.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Patricia Egerton