

Center for Communications
Summer Reading List for Mrs. Hodges
2013-2014

Ninth Grade Required Books

- ◆ *A Raisin in the Sun* Lorraine Hansberry
- ◆ *The Pearl* John Steinbeck
- ◆ Biography/Autobiography on topics listed below

Reader's Journal Directions: Complete all three assignments for each book.

◆ **Assignment One: Quotations**

Choose **five** significant quotations from each work. Choose ones that you think are very important to the authors' purposes or to the themes, symbols, tone, setting, or point of view of the book. Copy each quotation in your journal and write a few sentences to explain its significance. Record page numbers.

◆ **Assignment Two: Main Characters**

Choose **two characters** that change by the conclusion of the book. Identify each character and write three to four sentences discussing the character's change. Then describe one key scene in the book that demonstrates the character's change and development. Explain how the character's actions, words, or thoughts illustrate a change in character. Record page numbers of key scene.

◆ **Assignment Three: Personal Response**

Write a two-page typed personal response (or four-page handwritten) to the work as a whole. In this two-page response, you might include the following: what the novel has shown you about human nature, what objects or events are symbolic, or what personal connection you made to the events or characters in the novels. **Do not summarize the plot of the novel.**

◆ **Evaluation of Reader's Journal**

You will be evaluated on your reading as it is represented in a reader's journal. Your summer reading journal can be handwritten or typed.

The journal, which must reflect your careful reading of the three required books, will be collected the second week of school on **Monday, September 9**. Your reader's journal will include **all three of the assignments on all three of the assigned books**. The assignment for your biography/autobiography is on the next page.

Your reader's journal will be an invaluable resource as you complete assignments related to your summer reading. These assignments may include tests, in-class essays, exam essays, and group projects. Also, remember that the journal will count as a test grade in English.

Students are expected to complete this assignment independently without use of external sources including friends, reference books, and Internet sources. For questions on this assignment, please email Mrs. Kim Hodges at kshodges@henrico.k12.va.us. (The rest of the assignment is continued on the next page.)

Ninth-Grade Summer Reading Assignment: Biography and Autobiography

You are to select an autobiography or biography of an American of historical or social significance, not a movie, music or television personality. It cannot be about anyone born after 1970. Please review the attached list for suggestions. If you wish to choose someone not on the list, you must get approval from Mrs. Hodges. You are strongly encouraged to pick from the list. Use this opportunity to stretch your brain and learn about someone with whom you are not familiar. The book must be at least 150 pages in length, and it must be written on the appropriate reading level (advanced high school).

Prepare a report that answers the following questions in this order. Number and copy each question before your response. Each response should be thoughtful and complete.

1. Title:
2. Author:
3. Subject:
4. Setting:
5. Write one to two pages describing the subject as he/she is presented in the book. (Do as complete a character analysis as you can.)
6. Write one to two pages exploring the background of the author, his qualifications, and his research methods. Also, comment on whether the author was objective or appeared to be biased in one way or another.
7. Which five scenes from the book had the biggest impact on you? Why?

If you would like to read about someone NOT on the list, you must get approval from Mrs. Hodges. You may contact her at kshodges@henrico.k12.va.us.

Adams, Abigail	Lindbergh, Charles
Ashe, Arthur	Marshall, Thurgood
Brooks, Gwendolyn	McAuliffe, Christa
Capote, Truman	Morrison, Toni
Clinton, Hillary	Mourning Dove
Crazy Horse	O'Keefe, Georgia
Day O'Connor, Sandra	Randolph, Virginia
Dove, Rita	Ride, Sally
Earhart, Amelia	Robinson, Jackie
Ferraro, Geraldine	Roosevelt, Eleanor
Fitzgerald, Ella	Twain, Mark
Ford, Henry	Walker, Alice
Geronimo	Walker, Maggie
	Warhol, Andy