

N.O. Charter Science and Mathematics High School

2023 Summer Reading Assignment Overview

Why it matters:

I get it. The summer is your time. It's your break from a long, grueling school year of research papers, quadratic formulas, literary devices, scientific method, and more. So why must your English teachers assign a book to read over the summer? *"They hate us and want us to suffer!"* That's the farthest thing from the truth! The fact of the matter is that summer reading happens at the high school level across the state and country. Students just like you are all reading this summer, giving them an advantage in their upcoming Fall courses—but that's not all. Purposeful reading over the summer enhances your chances of scoring big-time on the ACT, SAT, LEAP, and other major exams (like AP). The more you practice reading, the more you are exposed to great writing, allowing you to better simulate those same skills on your performance exams. And as we all know, better scores on exams equates to real-life opportunities post high school (think scholarships and earned college credits saving you and your parents money). So no! We do not want you to suffer. **We want you to fly high and excel.**

The assignment:

The assignment consists of three specific tasks listed below. You can find out additional details on how to do each task and complete the assignments in Google Classroom.

❖ **Annotations**

- **Due on the first day of class** and checked by the teacher while in class (no electronic submission via Google Classroom required)

❖ **Motif Tracker**

- **Due Monday, August 14th, 2023** (submit via Google Classroom)

❖ **Thesis Statement**

- **Due Monday, August 14th, 2023** (submit via Google Classroom)

Additional resources in Google Classroom:

These documents and resources are not mandatory to use or complete but will provide you with extensive help in completing the actual assignment listed above. You can find the following additional resources under the "Resources" section of the "Classwork" tab in Google Classroom.

❖ **Writing Prompt**

❖ **Mini Literary Glossary**

❖ **Word Cloud**

❖ **Critics Vocabulary**

❖ **Annotation Guide**

❖ **Annotation Exemplar**

❖ **Scoring Rubric**

❖ **Thesis Rules**

❖ **Thesis Exemplars**

❖ **Audiobook**

❖ **Ebook**

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Google Classroom enrollment link:

With your school-issued email address, join the Google Classroom designed specifically for your grade level. In the virtual classroom, you will find several resources to assist you in your reading and writing tasks. You must be enrolled in the online classroom to submit your assignments.

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–Have a safe Summer! Your ELA teachers look forward to seeing you this Fall!–