

PILLOW ACADEMY 2019 SUMMER READING

2019 Pillow Academy Summer Reading 11th Grade Honors (English III)



Rising 11th grade Honors students will read three books this summer: Two books are required, and the other selection is a book of choice. A test will be given on one of the required books (*Lord of the Flies*) on the first full day of school in August, and an assignment to be completed over the summer for the other required book (which will be chosen from the list below) will also be due on the first full day of school in August. In addition, an assignment (to be completed over the summer) for the book of choice will be due on the first half day of school in August.

Required books:

***Lord of the Flies* by William Golding**

At the dawn of the next world war, a plane crashes on an uncharted island, stranding a group of schoolboys. At first, with no adult supervision, their freedom is something to celebrate. This far from civilization they can do anything they want. Anything. But as order collapses, as strange howls echo in the night, as terror begins its reign, the hope of adventure seems as far removed from reality as the hope of being rescued.

- Read *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding.
- You may find it helpful to take margin notes as you read.
- Pay attention to the author's style and purpose, characterization, symbols, themes, conflict, setting, and tone.
- Finally, consider how the main character's conflict or dilemma may be a commentary on a larger issue by the author.
- A test on the book will be given on the first full day of school in August.

Choose one book from the following list of British novels:

***Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen**

In a remote Hertfordshire village, far off the good coach roads of George III's England, a country squire of no great means must marry off his five vivacious daughters. At the heart of this all-consuming enterprise are his headstrong second daughter Elizabeth Bennet and her aristocratic suitor Fitzwilliam Darcy — two lovers whose pride must be humbled and prejudices dissolved before the novel can come to its splendid conclusion.

***Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte**

The windswept moors are the unforgettable setting of this tale of the love between the founding Heathcliff and his wealthy benefactor's daughter, Catherine. Through Catherine's betrayal of Heathcliff and his bitter vengeance, their mythic passion haunts the next generation even after their deaths.

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***Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte**

The loneliness and cruelty of Jane's childhood strengthens her natural independence and spirit, which prove invaluable when she takes a position as a governess at Thornfield Hall. But after she falls in love with her sardonic employer, her discovery of his terrible secret forces her to make a heart-wrenching choice.

***Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley**

Young science student Victor Frankenstein creates a grotesque but sentient creature in an unorthodox scientific experiment.

***Rebecca* by Daphne Du Maurier**

The novel begins in Monte Carlo, where our heroine is swept off her feet by the dashing widower Maxim de Winter and his sudden proposal of marriage. Orphaned and working as a lady's maid, she can barely believe her luck. It is only when they arrive at his massive country estate that she realizes how large a shadow his late wife will cast over their lives--presenting her with a lingering evil that threatens to destroy their marriage from beyond the grave.

***Animal Farm* by George Orwell**

This account of a group of barnyard animals who revolt against their vicious human master, only to submit to a tyranny erected by their own kind, is a universal drama. Taking as his starting point the betrayed promise of the Russian Revolution, Orwell lays out a vision that, in its bitter wisdom, gives us the clearest understanding we possess of the possible consequences of our social and political acts.

***1984* by George Orwell**

Nineteen Eighty-Four, often published as *1984*, is a dystopian novel by English author George Orwell published in June 1949. The novel is set in the year 1984 when most of the world population have become victims of perpetual war, omnipresent government surveillance, and propaganda.

***The Hounds of Baskerville* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle**

The Hounds of Baskerville is set on Dartmoor in Devon, England and tells the story of an attempted murder inspired by the legend of a fearsome, diabolical hound of supernatural origin. Sherlock Holmes and his companion Dr. Watson investigate the case. The novel was the first appearance of Holmes after Doyle had 'killed' him off years before.

- Selections are due by Friday, May 17. See Mrs. Brock to have your selection approved.
- Students will complete the [Summer Reading Major Work Data Sheet](#) as their assignment for this novel.
- This assignment will be due on the first full day of school in August.

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11th grade Honors options for book of choice:

Choose one book from the [2019-2020 Pillow Academy Summer Reading Book of Choice List for Grades 10-12](#). See Mrs. Brock for her approval of your choice. You will receive your assignment for your book of choice from Mrs. Brock at that time. Selections are due by Friday, May 17. Completed book of choice assignments are due on the first full day of school.

** Please Note: Summer reading selections are chosen based on literary merit and with high academic standards in mind. The books assigned by the English department at Pillow Academy represent a mix of classic and contemporary literature. Many books address complex situations and may contain adult themes and language. The attempt to expose students to challenging topics and issues is intended to serve as opportunities for students to think, theorize, question, and explore.*