

To: All TCPS (High School) English Students

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Re: Summer Reading

It is the mission of Tupelo Christian Preparatory School to lead students, in partnership with Christian families, to know Christ and make Him known through rigorous academics, challenging athletics, stimulating arts, and servant-hood activities. It is the desire of the school to help equip students to impact the world for Christ for eternity.

In keeping with this mission, it is our goal to encourage life-long readers. To that end, all students enrolled in the English classes, including those enrolled in AP English, Pre AP English, American Literature, and British Literature, will be expected to read a minimum of two books this summer.

As you read each book, you will be expected to complete the assignment as outlined on the attached page. Pay attention as you read about characters, setting, plot, and conflicts. In particular, pay attention to any life lessons that can be drawn from the book. These will usually not be stated, but implied. Also, be prepared to discuss how each story reflects the absolutes of God's truth (for example, a person reaps what he sows).

Seventh graders will read *The Red Pony* and an optional book; eighth graders will read *The Hiding Place* and an optional book; ninth graders will read *Pilgrim's Progress in Today's English* and *The Prologue to the Canterbury Tales* (access from tcps.net); tenth graders will read *Tales from Shakespeare* and *The Prologue to the Canterbury Tales* (access from tcps.net); eleventh graders will read *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* and *The Great Gatsby*; and twelfth graders will read *A Tale of Two Cities* and *Wuthering Heights*.

You will be tested on these books in English class on the first few days of school this fall. Complete the assignments well so that you will be prepared to participate in class discussions and to complete all the required assignments and tests. Your summer assignment should be ready to turn in to your English teacher on August 11, the first day of class.

I wish you an enjoyable summer—one that includes some interesting reading!

In Christ,
Mrs. Mann

Directions for Summer Reading

1. You are to read TWO books from the attached lists. (For seventh and eighth graders--one required and one from the optional list; for ninth through twelfth graders—two required books). . Each report will count as one quiz grade in your ENGLISH class. Do not select a book from the optional list that you have already read You may read more books from the optional list for extra credit.
2. For each book you read, complete the following report on 4 x 6 **lined white** note cards. *Place your name on the back of all cards.*

CARD 1

Student name
Title of book
Author
of pages in book

CARD 2

List the main characters with a brief identification of each.

CARD 3 - ?

A good one-paragraph summary of each chapter (one chapter per card). **A good paragraph is 5 to 10 sentences long.**

3. Use the front of each card only. Write in cursive; use blue or black ink consistently.
4. All cards are due in English class on Tuesday, August 11, the first day of school. **They must be in a 4 x 6 file box or they will not be accepted on time.**
5. **Ninth and tenth graders** will vary the assignment for *The Prologue to the Canterbury Tales*. For this reading assignment, complete CARD 1 as described above. For the subsequent cards, you will need to draw a picture of each pilgrim on one side of the card. (If you prefer, you may find a picture online and paste it on the card.) Whether you draw the picture or paste it, you will need to color it. On the other side of the card, you will give the details of the pilgrim as related in *The Prologue*. You will make a card for each pilgrim. (These cards will resemble baseball cards.) The Prologue can be accessed on the TCPS Home Page @ tcps.net.
6. **Tenth graders**, reading *Tales from Shakespeare*, will need to complete a character card and a summary card for each story.
7. **AP English** students will need to complete an additional assignment.