

To: American Literature Students (11th Grade)

From: Mrs. Beth Mann

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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).

Eleventh graders taking American Literature will read *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* and *The Great Gatsby* and complete the assignments outlined on the back of this letter. These books are available at Barnes and Noble in the Barnes Crossing Mall.

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 the first day of class in August 2011.

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 the TWO assigned books.
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 the first day of school. **They must be in a 4 x 6 file box or they will not be accepted on time.**
5. **AP English** students will need to get your assignment from Mrs. Pollock.