

To: Pre-AP World Literature I Students (9th 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).

Ninth graders will read *Pilgrim's Progress in Today's English* by John Bunyan (retold by James H. Thomas) and *The Prologue to the Canterbury Tales* by Geoffrey Chaucer. Both of these are available for purchase at Barnes and Noble in the Barnes Crossing Mall. The book that you need to purchase for *The Prologue to the Canterbury Tales* is entitled *Chaucer's Canterbury Tales: An Interlinear Translation* by Vincent F. Hopper. You will read only the prologue to *The Canterbury Tales* (pages 1-54), not the entire book.

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 the first day of school in August 2010.

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 required reading list. Ninth graders will read *Pilgrim's Progress in Today's English* and *The Prologue to The Canterbury Tales*.
2. After you read *Pilgrim's Progress* (You are to read part 1 and part 2. Part 1 details Christian's journey and Part 2 details the journey of Christian's wife, Christiana.), you will make a map of Christian's journey, labeling each place he travels and briefly telling what happens at each location. Using the same map, you will then do the same for Christiana's journey. Use one color to trace Christian's journey and another color to trace Christiana's journey.
3. After you read *The Prologue to The Canterbury Tale*, you will complete the following assignment.

Complete the following report on 4 x 6 **lined white** note cards.

CARD 1

Student name
Title of book
Author

CARD 2- CARD 24

Write a paragraph describing each character. On the back of each card, draw a picture of the character. Be sure to color your drawing. If you prefer, you may print a picture of each character, color it, and glue it to the back of each card.