

Dear Blair Junior,

Since good readers make good writers and good readers make good thinkers, each student entering Montgomery Blair High School in August is required to complete reading and writing assignments in preparation for the fall semester.

The Particulars:

- Work counts towards 1st marking period
- Work is due on September 3rd or 4th. The deadline is September 8th or 9th.

Choosing a Book:

- Please do not select previously read works or middle school titles.
- Select titles that are on or above your reading level.
- Read the directions carefully and complete all assignments.
- You can find any appropriate books at your local library. There is no need to purchase a book, but you may do so if you wish. In any case, please have your book with you when you return to school.
- Call if you have questions: (301) 649-2856. Leave a message with a phone number if you reach the machine.

Late Enrollment:

- Students who enroll after the semester begins will have 3 weeks to submit all assignments.

READING ASSIGNMENT

Choose and read (for 11th Grade):

1. One work of fiction of your choice:

Some possible authors:

Isabel Allende
Toni Morrison
Stephen King
John Irving
Edwidge Danticat
Gabriel Garcia Marquez
John Grisham
Julia Alvarez
Jamaica Kincaid
Roald Dahl
Michael Crichton
Terry McMillan
Jon Kraukauer
Louise Erdrich
James McBride
Laura Esquivel
Gary Soto
Richard Rodriguez
Barbara Tuchman
Joyce Carol Oates
Luis Rodriguez
Eudora Welty
Edwidge Danticat
Jonathan Kozol
Roger Angell

*You may choose authors who are not listed here.
These authors are suggestions, only.*



WRITING ASSIGNMENT

The culminating writing activity will be completed in class. However, you are required to bring notes (guidelines below) with you to class on September 8th or 9th. You will turn these notes in to your teacher after the essay test.

Complete notes for the work of fiction you read.

(guidelines for notes)

- Write a 1 page summary of the entire work.
- Describe the main character(s) in detail. For each character, write a detailed paragraph discussing the character's traits with examples from the text.
- Choose a memorable scene and in a 1-2 page analysis explain why it is important to the main idea of the work.



On each page, record title and author of the work you are writing about. Submit work typed or handwritten neatly in blue or black ink.

Dear Parents,

Reading is not only a life-long skill that a person needs to succeed as a student and a worker, but also an essential skill in civic and personal activities. Perhaps even more importantly, reading opens the world to a person through various forms of literature. Reading gives students the opportunity to learn about people, times, regions, and ideas that may enhance their knowledge and development. Reading also can bring a lifetime of pleasure.

Research strongly suggests that reading, like most skills, improves with practice and decreases when we neglect it for even a short time. Therefore, consistent with our commitment to prepare all students for success during school and after graduation, MCPS continues to expect all students to read during the summer.

In keeping with the belief that reading promotes students' mental growth, improves their capacity to process information, and enhances their ability to understand themselves and the world around them, students at Montgomery Blair will read, and respond—in writing—to the texts they read. Successful completion of the summer reading assignment will benefit your child as he or she progresses through our curriculum. We owe it to our students to prepare them for an increasingly competitive and complex world.



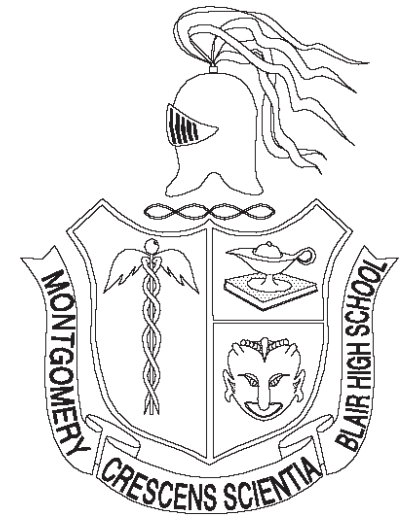
This summer reading information can also be obtained at <http://www.mbhs.edu>. Click on "Depts," and then go to "English."

TITLES TAUGHT AT BLAIR DO NOT CHOOSE FOR SUMMER READING

The list below contains titles that may be assigned in 11th grade English. Students wishing to get a head start on regular-term reading may read titles from this list. However, these books may not be used for the summer reading assignment.

Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
Autobiography of Malcolm X
The Awakening
Brave New World
Cat's Cradle
Chronicle of a Death Foretold
Civil Disobedience
The Crucible
Death of a Salesman
A Doll House
Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close
Fences
The Glass Castle
The Great Gatsby
A Lesson Before Dying
Macbeth
Native Son
Old Man and the Sea
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest
Ordinary People
The Road
The Scarlet Letter
The Tempest
Their Eyes Were Watching God
Walden
Wuthering Heights

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