

Dear AP Literature Student,

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.
- 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.
- Since these are required titles, the English Department has these books to loan to you. We will check out books to students following the exam period on June 10, 11, and 12 in room 137.
- Call if you have questions: 301.649.2856.

Late Enrollment:

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

READING ASSIGNMENT

Choose and read:

One of the following novels:

*Emma**

by Jane Austen

Jane Eyre

by Charlotte Bronte

The Brothers Karamazov

by Fyodor Dostoyevsky

Sons and Lovers

by D. H. Lawrence

Beloved

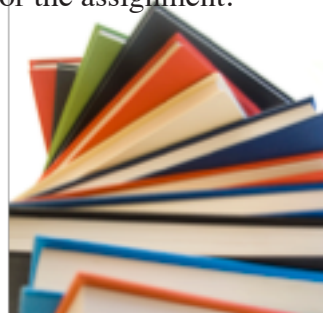
by Toni Morrison

Gulliver's Travels

by Jonathan Swift

*Except for *Emma*, the English Department has copies of the other titles to lend to you. If you wish to read *Emma*, you will need to borrow it from the library or opt to purchase a copy of this novel.

Note: In addition to giving your teacher a paper copy of your work, you will also have to submit your work to "Turnitin.com" before your teacher can give you credit for the assignment.



WRITING ASSIGNMENT

- For the novel you read, identify three (3) important qualities the main character displays.
- Identify three (3) important scenes for your character, one from the beginning, one from the middle, and one from the end of the novel. Write an analysis of each of the scenes explaining *how* the writer presents the characters and events, *what* the writer's deepest purposes are for constructing the scene as he or she does, and *how* the scene contributes both to the *structure* and *themes* of the work.

Remember, structure refers to what parts the action is divided into and how they relate to each other. A theme is a *statement* about life experience that one could show to be true from the experience of the novel.



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

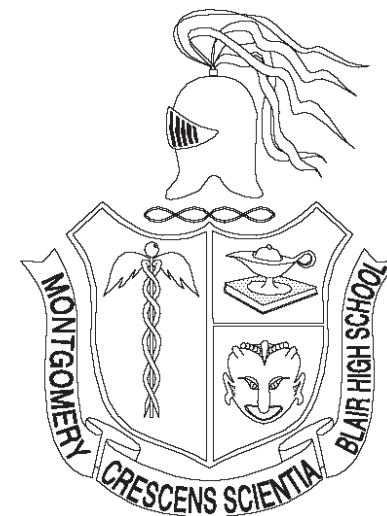
The list below contains titles that may be assigned in AP English. Students wishing to get a head start on regular-term reading may read titles from this list. However, these books may not be used for the summer reading assignment.

Crime and Punishment
Dreamtigers
Hamlet
The Metamorphosis
*Portrait of the Artist as
a Young Man*
Pride and Prejudice
*Rosencrantz and
Guildenstern are Dead*
The Stranger

poetry from
*Adventures in
English Literature*



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