

**Four Simple Steps:**  
**1. Choose the book you will read.** Students who will be in 2018-19 Honors English (Grades 9, 10, and 11) need to read **2 books.\***  
**2. Select books based on your grade level** (for the 2018-19 school year) **theme.**

- **Themes:**
  - **Grade 9:** Coming of Age
  - **Grade 10:** Realistic Fiction
  - **Grade 11:** Personal Crisis/Survival
  - **Grade 12:** The Road to Success

**3. Complete the task designed for your grade level.**  
**4. Turn in your *Reading Responses* to your English teacher by September 21, 2018.**  
 \*Completion of the Summer Reading Project will count as students' first grade in their 2018-19 English class.

**Grade Level Assignments**

Grade	Theme description	Assignment
9	<p><b>Coming of Age</b>                      When a character “comes of age,” it is usually a time in life when the character or others begin to view themselves/him/her as a mature, young adult as opposed to a little kid. For the character, there may be a significant event, crisis, challenge, moment, or turning point that allows him/her to become self-aware.</p>	<p>Select ONE of the following assignments:  <b>Choice 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read entire novel</li> <li>• Identify the novel’s protagonist (main character)</li> <li>• Identify the key moment that the character “comes of age” and explain how and why that has happened</li> <li>• Create a diary entry in the protagonist’s voice (use “I”) that expresses how that “coming of age” moment changed him or her and the character’s view of the world.</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTE:</b> This assignment should be one-page in length.  <b>Choice 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read entire novel</li> <li>• Write a 5-7 sentences introducing and explaining each of the following:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “Coming of Age” moment</li> <li>○ Protagonist (main character)</li> <li>○ Antagonist (character or event that gets in the protagonist’s way)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Find one song that represents each of the above (“Coming of Age” moment; protagonist; antagonist) and list the title and artist of that song.</li> </ul> <p>In a 1-2 sentence connection, explain how the song you chose connects to a moment or character.</p>
10	<p><b>Realistic Fiction</b>                      Although untrue, the events that unfold could actually happen. Some events, people, and places may even be real. It may be possible that, in the future, imagined events could occur.</p>	<p>Select a realistic fiction novel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read entire novel</li> <li>• Write a letter to the author and include in your letter a response to three of the five questions listed below.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> Letters should be in letter format and include a salutation and a closing.  <b>Questions</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How has the book impacted you as the reader and/or changed your view on an issue? Explain.</li> <li>2. What questions do you have about the characters, plot and/or the resolution? Explain.</li> <li>3. Which character did you like the most/least? Why? Explain.</li> <li>4. Which character did you personally relate to most? Explain.</li> <li>5. Which one detail/character/plot element would you change? Why?</li> </ol>
11	<p><b>Personal Crisis</b>                      Occurs when a character faces a difficult or dangerous situation that needs serious attention</p> <p><b>Survival</b>                      The state or fact of continuing to live or exist, typically in spite of an accident, ordeal, or difficult circumstances.</p>	<p>Select ONE of the following assignments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The protagonist of your book is applying for a position at Burger King. Make a resume for the protagonist of your story. Provide information about his/her positive traits, experiences, interests, etc. in a resume format.</li> <li>2. Write a one page (double spaced, size 12 font) response, explaining, in your opinion, what the author of your book is revealing to his/her readers through this work. Support your ideas with details (about theme, characters, setting, plot etc.) from your book.</li> <li>3. Write a one page (double spaced, 12 size font) personal response/reflection to your book. Explain what you liked about the book (characters with whom you identify, themes etc.) and why you appreciated it.</li> <li>4. Illustrate (drawing, painting, collage etc.) a significant scene from the book you read. Write 2 paragraphs explaining the significance of the scene to the story.</li> <li>5. Write the lyrics to a song/rap/musical piece your protagonist would enjoy. Your song should have at least 10 lines. In 2 paragraphs, explain the significance of your song and why the character would like it.</li> </ol>
12	<p><b>The Road to Success</b>                      Success can be achieved in a variety of ways. Everyone has a different definition of success. However, it is commonly seen as someone having overcome their individual obstacles..</p>	<p>Select ONE of the following assignments.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Write a one page journal entry Identifying a lesson learned from your reading to use or not use in the future</li> <li>2. Find three articles that relate to the reading with a one paragraph explanation of how each article connects to the novel.</li> <li>3. Write a thematic essay explaining how the theme is demonstrated throughout the novel</li> </ol>

