



DEPAUL COLLEGE PREP
FR. GORDON CAMPUS

English Summer Reading Guide:
English IV - Incoming Seniors

Note: Seniors taking AP Literature or IB Literature do not complete this summer reading. Refer to the AP or IB summer assignment.

Instructions:

- Choose ONE book from the list below, and read it before the first day of school.
- While reading your chosen book, use the questions below to guide your thinking and understanding of the text.
- We encourage you to annotate the text, using the questions as guidance. Doing this while reading is the best way to think deeply about the questions and engage with the text.
- On one of the first days of school, you will write an in-class essay related to one of the questions listed below. You will be allowed to use your book and any annotations to help you with the essay.

List of Book Choices (physical book or iBook):

- *Little Bee: A Novel* by Chris Cleave (Also titled *The Other Hand*)
- *A Quiet Kind of Thunder* by Sara Barnard
- *Sherlock Holmes: The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
- *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde

Questions to Guide Reading and Annotating:

Character

- How do complexities in the protagonist's character affect the conflict of the book?
- Does the protagonist conform to or rebel against the society in which they live?

Author's Choices - Literary Elements

- How does the point of view (first person, third person limited, third person omniscient) affect how the story is told?
- How do the patterns of words, symbols, and ideas contribute to the story's meaning?