

What is the purpose of the summer reading assignment?

1. To promote reading for enjoyment.
2. To increase reading skill. Studies show that the more you read, the better a reader you will become.
3. To become acquainted with the general topics and themes of the course.

What can students expect when they return to school?

At the beginning of the year, students will have a chance to meet with other students and share their thoughts through class discussion and writing. Students will also make an argument about which books should be kept on the list for next year.

Are there any questions I should keep in mind as I read?

Sure! As you read, consider the following:

1. How does the main character change/mature over the course of the novel?
2. What are the central conflicts the main character faces? How are they resolved?
3. What lessons does the main character learn?
4. What are some of the important ideas in the book?

Should I annotate my book?

Your teachers encourage annotation while reading as a way to engage in active reading; however, it is not required for the summer reading assignment.