

10th Grade (Standard and Honors) 2021 English Summer Assignment

STANDARD Summer Reading

Book Requirement: The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis

Written Requirements:

1. Chapter Summaries: Students will write original chapter summaries of at minimum 3 sentences each. The document is to be typed with the page formatted under MLA guidelines, and it is to be printed off for submission on the first day of school. 5 points will be deducted for each day late, but submissions will not be accepted after 3 class days. This assignment will be the first in the “Assessment” category, which accounts for 40% of the Quarter 1 average.

2. Creative Writing: Students will imagine and write a Modern Day “Screwtape Letter” addressing a Christian in today’s culture. Entries should be 400-800 words, typed, should start with “My Dear Wormwood,” should end with “Your affectionate uncle SCREWTAPE,” and should be written from the same perspective as Lewis’s original narrator of the novel. Use Paragraph breaks as well.

Students could choose to focus on one modern issue like the distractions of technology, the decline of church attendance, the pressures of following Christ on a college campus, the isolation from Covid-19, justice issues in our culture, or other “modern” topics. Once the issue is chosen, make sure to address the implications to the modern Christian and WHY this is an effective tool in the hands of our enemy.

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HONORS Summer Reading

In ADDITION to the Standard Summer Reading Requirements (Reading AND Chapter summaries; NOT Creative Writing), Honors students will also choose ONE of the following books to read. Typed/printed chapter summaries will also be due for this reading as well:

- The Fellowship of the Ring, by J.R.R. Tolkien
- Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus: A Devout Muslim Encounters Christianity, by Nabeel
- Qureshi Journey to the Well, by Diana Wallis Taylor (*A fictional telling of the Samaritan Woman at the Well*)

3. Essay on The Journey: Once the reading is complete, students will write a 500-700 word explanation of *the most important aspects* to the protagonist’s JOURNEY (choose at least 2 influences-positive or negative).

These essays should be typed, follow MLA guidelines, be written without major grammatical errors (no fragments, run-on sentences, comma splices) and be printed off for submission the first day of school. 5 points will be deducted for each day late in submission, but submissions will not be accepted after 3 class days. This assignment will be in the “Writing/Project” category, which accounts for 40% of the Quarter 1 average.