

English IV CP: British Literature Summer Reading Assignment

Welcome to English IV! This summer, you are assigned two books to begin this course's study of British Literature. These works will begin our exploration of various contemporary and classic British texts. You will also complete a written assignment to continue to build the analytical and writing skills that you have learned and will continue to develop throughout the school year. The summer reading books are listed below (one required book and one of your choice), followed by the assignments that should be completed during the reading process. **All written assignments are due the first full day of school.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Gustin at julia.gustin@saintjosephprep.org.

Required reading book:

- *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte (Bantam Classics. ISBN 978-0553211405 or another edition)

In addition, please choose one of the following:

- *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde (Signet Classics. ISBN 9780451530455)
- *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley (Harper Perennial. ISBN 9780060850524)

Tasks:

1. Please **annotate as you read** each work. This is intended to encourage active reading in which you are engaged in the material and noting important developments or literary elements as you go.
 2. Choose a theme that you find present across both texts that you have read and **write a 2 page paper** in which you discuss the theme and the impact that it has on your understanding of the works as a whole. This theme should be more than one word (love, freedom, society, etc), but should address the authors' message about that particular topic.
- You should write in MLA format, including the proper header, font, margins, etc.
 - You will need to include adequate textual evidence (multiple quotations) with proper parenthetical citations to support your ideas in each body paragraph.