



ST. PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL
Dominican Sisters of Houston ★ 1956

Summer Reading Assignments 2024

Use the table below to find the assignment for the English class you are registered for.

All assignments are due within the first week of school, unless otherwise noted.

9th grade	<p>English I -<i>The House on Mango Street</i> by Sandra Cisneros -Assignment: -Using TWO different colored sticky notes, annotate important people in Esperanza's life. Use the following questions to guide your annotations: a. Why are they important? b. How do they help Esperanza grow?</p> <p>-Contact Ms. Anderson (andersonk@stpiusx.org) for questions.</p>	<p>Honors English I -<i>Lord of the Flies</i> by William Golding -Assignment: -Annotate on sticky notes, as you read: -ONE color per character, note the references to the following and their changes over the course of the novel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Jack▪ Piggy▪ Ralph▪ Simon <p><i>Helpful hint:</i> At the beginning of the school year, your annotations will be graded and more importantly, they will be the basis of your first quiz and essay.</p> <p>-Contact Ms. Anderson (andersonk@stpiusx.org) for questions.</p>
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English II

Students are to pick at least one from the following and be prepared to take an objective did-you-read-it quiz the first week of school:

1. Mexican Gothic by Silvia Moreno-Garcia
2. Isaac's Storm by Erik Larson
3. David Copperfield by Charles Dickens

-Contact Mrs. Barr (barrc@stpiusx.org) for questions.

Honors English II

BOOK ONE:

-*Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte

Annotate on sticky notes as you read the novel.

- **Important people in Jane's life**
 - Why are they important?
 - What does Jane learn from them?
- **Important places Jane visits/lives in (there are 6, and they are named)**
 - What happens to Jane in each location? Keep track of what happens where!

Helpful Hint: Use two different colored sticky notes to differentiate between people and places. At the beginning of the school year, your annotations will be graded and more importantly, they will be the basis of your first quiz and essay.

AND

BOOK TWO:

-Choose one of the following memoirs to read and annotate for the author's development over the course of the book:

- A Long Way Gone* by Ishmael Beah
- Into the Magic Shop* by James R. Doty

Doty

-*The Color of Water* by James

McBride

-*Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah

-*Sigh, Gone* by Phuc Tran

-Contact Ms. Boydston (boydstunc@stpiusx.org) for questions.

English III

-Choose one of the following short stories to read.

- “[Marigolds](#)” by Eugenia W. Collier
- “[The Egg](#)” by Sherwood Anderson
- “[This Blessed House](#)” by Jhumpa Lahiri

-Assignment: Briefly respond to the following questions:

- Which piece did you choose to read?
- What conflicts are present within the literary piece you chose?
- Based on your reading, what are your perspectives on America? What themes, ideas, or aspects stand out to you?
- How do you interpret the portrayal of America in the text?

-Contact Ms. Guajardo
(guajardoc@stpiusx.org) for questions.

AP Language**-BOOK ONE:**

Choose one of the following books to read:

- *Range: Why Generalist Triumph in a Specialized World* by David Epstein
OR
- *Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance* by Angela Duckworth

Assignment: Briefly respond to the following questions:

1. What is the author’s argument?
2. How do they prove their ideas?
3. What ideas or suggestions from the author can you apply to your own life?

-BOOK TWO:

Choose one of the following memoirs to read:

- *The Other Wes Moore* by Wes Moore
- *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson
- *Educated* by Tara Westover

Assignment: Briefly respond to the following questions:

1. Why did the author choose to write this book?
2. What can you apply to your own life after reading this memoir?
3. What message might the author want you to take from this book?

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(boydstunc@stpiusx.org) for questions.

12th grade

English IV

-[*Good Omens*](#) by Neil Gaiman & Terry Pratchett

Assignment:

-**Using sticky notes:** find and mark at least **fifteen (15) ALLUSIONS** in the novel. An **Allusion** is a reference, typically brief, to a person, place, thing, event, or other literary work.

-Then

- 1) list—please number 1-15
- 2) quote the reference in the book
- 3) describe what the allusion refers to.
- 4) design an image for each illusion.
- 5) ***MUST include*** citations for both the quote ***and*** documentation for image.

The assignment must be typed with appropriate citations from the novel and external sources. **Each Allusion is worth 5 points for a total of 75 points.**

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(andersonk@stpiusx.org) for questions.

AP Literature

[*How to Read Literature Like a Professor for Kids*](#) by Thomas C. Foster

Assignment

Create one slide (using *PowerPoint Presentation* or Google Slides) **per chapter** capturing the most vital information within each chapter. Illustrations/Graphics are appreciated, but not required.

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(guajardoc@stpiusx.org) for questions.