

**Bergenfield Public Schools  
Humanities Department  
Summer Reading 2024**

**Due: September 5, 2024**

Dear incoming **English 9 Honors** student,

Your first assignment is to **read at least two books over the summer: *Pride and Prejudice*** by Jane Austen and at least one other book of your choice. Feel free to read more than just two books, but remember that reading *Pride and Prejudice* and one additional book is **mandatory** for all 9<sup>th</sup> grade students taking honors English next year. It is also **mandatory** for you to **complete two Double-Entry Journals** (one for each book you read) with at least **30 entries each**.

**1st Required Book: *Pride and Prejudice***

**If you would like to read a hard copy of the novel, please feel free to visit the local library or purchase a copy of it from a store of your choosing or Amazon.**

**You may also use the following link to read a free PDF version of the novel instead:**

**Pride and Prejudice PDF:** <https://www.gutenberg.org/files/1342/old/pandp12p.pdf>

**During-Reading Instructions:** Actively and **thoroughly** read Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*. For this novel, be sure to **take thorough notes** as you read so that you can be well prepared to **analyze** and **discuss** the novel in September. The more detailed your notes are, the more prepared you will be to successfully complete assignments about this novel when we meet in the fall. These notes are intended to help you understand the novel on a deeper level. **You must take notes in a double-entry journal in the format below (you may choose to type or handwrite it).**

**In your journal, you may include questions that you have about the text, emotional reactions that you have to it, and things that you notice about the characters, plot, setting, theme, etc.**

**What to Expect in Class:** When you return to school in September, be prepared to participate in a shared inquiry discussion and complete a writing assignment based on the novel. Each of these assignments will be scored and will count towards your 1<sup>st</sup> marking period grade.

**Double-Entry Journal #1: *Pride and Prejudice***

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## 2nd Required Book: Free Choice (Fiction or Nonfiction book)

**During-Reading Instructions:** Actively and thoroughly read a book of your choice (fiction or nonfiction). Be sure to **take thorough notes** as you read so that you can be well prepared to **analyze** and **discuss** the book in September. The more detailed your notes are, the more prepared you will be to successfully complete assignments about this book when we meet in the fall. These notes are intended to help you understand the book on a deeper level. **You must take notes in a double-entry journal in the format below (you may choose to type or handwrite it).**

**In your journal, you may include questions that you have about the text, emotional reactions that you have to it, and things that you notice about the characters, plot, setting, theme, etc.**

**What to Expect in Class:** When you return to school in September, be prepared to discuss your book with your classmates (who probably read a different book than you!) and complete a writing assignment based on the book. Each of these assignments will be scored and will count towards your 1<sup>st</sup> marking period grade.

### Double-Entry Journal #2: 2nd Required Book: Free Choice

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Remember, this is a **mandatory** assignment for all 9<sup>th</sup> graders taking honors English at BHS. When school starts in September, we will delve right into the novels and explore their characters, symbols, and themes very closely. **Have a great summer, and happy reading!**

Sincerely,

Ms. Holzlein