

Rochester High School 9th Grade Honors Language Arts Summer Reading Information

Dear Future Falcon,

Welcome to Honors Language Arts 9 at Rochester High School! We are looking forward to meeting you and learning together during the 2025-2026 school year. Students are asked to read two books over the summer in preparation for the class and complete a note-taking assignment for each text. It's important to actively read these texts and complete the corresponding assignments, since we will be analyzing and discussing them through a variety of activities this fall and over the course of the school year.

After reviewing this information, please share it with your parent(s) or guardian(s). If you have any questions, please feel free to email Mrs. Facca (afacca@rochester.k12.mi.us) or Ms. Scott (rscott@rochester.k12.mi.us). We hope you have a wonderful summer!

Happy reading!

Mrs. Facca and Ms. Scott

Summer Reading Assignment:

1. Read ***Animal Farm* by George Orwell** and record the following in a Google Doc during or after reading:
 - 6 open-ended questions about the book, along with your answers to each question
 - 4 significant quotes (with page numbers) and your analysis of these quotes
 - 2 key insights you gained from reading the book
2. Choose **ONE Contemporary Young Adult Novel from the list of previous RCS Battle of the Books titles**, which can be found [HERE](#). Battle of the Books is a reading program that has held book clubs and special events at RCS high schools in recent years, so nearly all of these texts are available to borrow for free through the [RCS Sora App](#) or the [Rochester Hills Public Library](#). As you read the book, create a chart in Google Docs and record at least 12 notes total on the following elements within the novel:
 - Key Quotes
 - Major themes
 - Character development
 - Conflicts
 - Symbols
 - Setting

*Please note that there may be mature content and/or language in some of the book options. **Please review the books with your parent/guardian while making your reading selections to determine what you feel is most appropriate.***

Taking the time to intentionally and thoughtfully reflect while reading will be helpful when you return to school and begin participating in activities connected to these texts. The summer reading note-taking assignments will be submitted to Google Classroom for a grade at the beginning of the school year. **Note: Any assignments turned in with copy-and-pasted text will not be accepted for credit. All notes/responses must be typed originally by you.**