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British Literature & Humanities
Summer Reading
Visitation School 2026-2027

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Senior English students will read **AND** annotate two works in the summer:

The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde (make sure you read the unabridged book edition; see this link for an online text)
1984 by George Orwell

On the first day of classes, students must be prepared to do the following:

1. Write an analytical, in-class essay on conflict for one of the summer works.
2. Take a quiz on the other work.

What Does "Annotate" Mean?

To annotate is to make notes within a text. In other words: write in the book.

● *At the start of each chapter* write the plot events which occur in that chapter.

● *Underline and/or mark* any passages which seem important to you. Wait until you read half of the page before you underline. This will keep you from underlining too much. (This also saves time.)

● *At the end of each chapter* after you finish reading the page, write any questions you have. Your own questions will be of the greatest importance later.

Tip: Because you may find yourself erasing and replacing lines or stars, or rewriting notes at the top or bottom of the page, annotate in pencil!