



Bergenfield Public Schools
Humanities Department
Summer Reading 2026

Due: September 8, 2026

Dear ENA student,

Your first assignment is to read at least one book of your choice (fiction or nonfiction) over the summer and to complete a Summer Reading Choice Board Project for your book. This assignment is mandatory for all BHS ENA students next year. Choose an e-Book from the BHS Virtual Library. Contact our librarian, Miss Taveras, if you need help taking out an e-book. Her email is ctaveras@bergenfield.org. (She speaks Spanish, too!)

The Use of AI/Plagiarizing Other Work(s): Using AI is NOT permitted and will result in receiving a zero for the assignment.

If your work is identified as AI generated or plagiarized, your assignment will NOT be accepted. You will receive an automatic zero for the assignment. There will be NO exceptions to this policy.

This year we will be submitting all of our writing assignments to [Turnitin.com](https://turnitin.com) for originality and AI checks. If your Summer Reading Assignment is suspected of plagiarism or AI assistance, it will be submitted to [Turnitin.com](https://turnitin.com) for a scan.

Summer Reading Choice Board Assignment

Instructions for Students:

1. Choose **one** activity from **each** column (total of 3 activities).
2. Complete all three chosen activities based on your summer reading book.
3. Be sure to label each completed activity with the column and activity selected (For example, "Creative Response: Alternate Ending")
4. Please be sure to identify the title of the book and author on each of your assignments.

5. You will handwrite all of your work.
6. Your work should demonstrate thoughtful engagement with the text and attention to detail.
7. All assignments are due by the first day of school: Tuesday, September 8th

Grading Criteria:

- Depth of understanding of the text (40%)
- Creativity and originality (25%)
- Quality of execution and ideas (25%)
- Following directions and completing all requirements (10%)

Creative Response (Choose 1)	Analysis & Reflection (Choose 1)	Connection and Reflection (Choose 1)
Character Journal Write 5 diary entries from a main character's perspective, revealing thoughts not explicitly stated in the text.	Theme Analysis Identify 3 major themes and provide textual evidence showing how they develop throughout the book.	Text-to-Self Connection Write about a time in your own life that reminded you of an event or feeling a character experienced in the story. How did you handle the situation similarly or differently?

<p>Alternate Ending Write a different conclusion to the story (2-3 pages) that remains true to the characters and themes.</p>	<p>Literary Devices Identify 8 different literary devices used in the text with examples and explain their effectiveness.</p>	<p>Text-to-World Connection Research a current event or social issue that relates to a theme or conflict in the story. Write a short essay explaining the connection and why it's important.</p>
<p>Found Poetry Create 2 poems using only words and phrases from the book that capture key moments or themes. Surround your poem with images that express the ideas found within your poems.</p>	<p>Character Evolution Track how a character changes throughout the story with specific evidence and analysis.</p>	<p>Moral Reflection Think about a difficult choice a character made. Would you have made the same choice? Why or why not? Explain your reasoning.</p>

Book Art Create an artistic representation (drawing, painting, collage) of a significant scene with a written explanation.	Critical Review Write a thoughtful review analyzing the book's strengths and weaknesses (1-2 pages).	Personal Growth Reflection How has reading this story changed your perspective or made you think differently about a particular topic or idea?
Scene Perspective Rewrite a key scene from a different character's point of view to show their thoughts and feelings.	Character Motivation Choose a key decision a character makes and analyze what motivates that decision using evidence from the text.	Empathy Exercise Put yourself in the shoes of a character who faced a challenge. Write about what emotions you might feel and what you might do in their place.

Remember, reading a book and completing three activities from the choice board is a mandatory assignment for all ENA students at BHS. It is also highly recommended that you work on IXL, Brainpop, and [khanacademy.org](https://www.khanacademy.org) to keep improving your English. Watch TV series and movies with English subtitles as well. Have a great summer, and happy reading!

If you have any questions regarding the required summer reading assignment please contact Ms. Restivo, Supervisor of Humanities.

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