

REQUIRED SUMMER READING for 2019-2020

Students who are registered for **Advanced English classes** as freshmen, sophomores, juniors, or seniors are required to complete summer reading assignments. Those specific assignments are listed below. You may buy copies of these books, check out copies of the books from the public library, or download them electronically. **The required reading must be completed before the first day of classes in August.**

If you have questions regarding the reading requirement, please contact Co-Head of the English Department Trish Main at tmain@wheatonacademy.org or 630-710-0084.

FRESHMEN: ENGLISH I Advanced

In preparation for close reading practice and careful passage analysis, you need to read *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie.

SOPHOMORES: ENGLISH II Advanced

We will begin the year with a unit called "The Hero's Journey." To prepare for this unit, you are being asked to read *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien AND *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho and translated by Alan R. Clarke. Both of these books should be completed by the first day of class. Enjoy the books!

If you have any questions at all, feel free to contact me at Daniel.m.ball@gmail.com. See you in August!

JUNIORS: AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION

As you continue to develop reading skills by studying increasingly complex texts, you **will read** *The Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexandre Dumas. You must read the **UNABRIDGED translation by Robin Buss**, and also I want to caution against watching the movie since it often misrepresents the book. Since you will be taking a test over this lengthy (Penguin Classics version is 1312 pages) novel on the second day of class, please create a summer reading plan so that you can finish it in time. The themes you will encounter throughout the book are ones that we will explore in the literature we read during the school year. As part of AP requirements, you will complete written responses to your reading that will be submitted when you return to classes. Specific assignments are available in the front office or by requesting a copy from Mrs. Main at tmain@wheatonacademy.org.

SENIORS: AP ENGLISH LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION

Students are **required** to read **TWO books** from the following list.

Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

All the King's Men by Robert Penn Warren

The Brothers Karamazov by Fyodor Dostoyevski

Last of the Mohicans by James Fenimore Cooper

Cry, the Beloved Country by Alan Paton

Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens

Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad

Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison

Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy

As I Lay Dying by William Faulkner

Native Son by Richard Wright

Ivanhoe by Sir Walter Scott

Middlemarch by George Eliot

Please check the titles and authors carefully to guarantee that you read the correct book.

You will write an in-class essay based on one of the novels during the first week of class. Then, you will create a presentation on the other novel which will be delivered to the class.