

English 4 Summer Reading List

INSTRUCTIONS: You are to read **four** (4) books from the following list. You will be tested on the book listed (to help you with the tests---while reading the novel, make a complete list of all characters in the book, and a list of events as they happen in the novel).

You will do two (2) book reports on two other books of your choice from this list. Your two book reports are due on the first day of school. Any suspicion of plagiarism will result in a zero. Each of the three assignments is worth a test grade.

You will be tested on the following two novels:

Tess of the d’Urbervilles by Thomas Hardy
and
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

Books to choose from – they are separated by categories:

<i>If you like Fantasy and Science Fiction Novels, you might enjoy:</i>	
<u>1984</u> by George Orwell	<u>Watership Down</u> by Richard Adams
<u>Deryni Rising</u> by Katherine Kurtz	<u>Camber of Guldi</u> by Katherine Kurtz
<u>Gulliver’s Travels</u> by Jonathan Swift	<u>The Once and Future King</u> by T. H. White
<u>The Fellowship of the Ring</u> by J. R. R. Tolkien	<u>The Mists of Avalon</u> by Marion Zimmer Bradley
<u>Taliesin</u> by Steven Lawhead	<u>The Daughter of Time</u> by Josephine Tey
<u>2001: A Space Odyssey</u> by Arthur C. Clarke	<u>The Hollow Hills</u> by Mary Stewart
<i>If you like Mysteries, you might enjoy:</i>	
<u>The Hound of the Baskervilles</u> by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	<u>Turn of the Screw</u> by Henry James
<u>Murder on the Orient Express</u> by Agatha Christie	<u>The Murder of Roger Ackroyd</u> by Agatha Christie
If you are interested in Art, you might enjoy:	
<u>Lust for Life</u> by Irving Stone	<u>The Agony and the Ecstasy</u> by Irving Stone
<i>If you are interested in Romance, you might enjoy:</i>	
<u>Jane Eyre</u> by Charlotte Bronte	<u>The Spanish Bride</u> by Laurien Gardner
<u>The Girl with the Pearl Earring</u> by Tracy Chevalier	<u>The Lady and the Unicorn</u> by Tracy Chevalier
<u>Emma</u> by Jane Austen	<u>Mansfield Park</u> by Jane Austen
<u>The Shell Seekers</u> by Rosamunde Pilcher	<u>Wuthering Heights</u> by Emily Bronte
<u>Ivanhoe</u> by Sir Walter Scott	
<i>If you are interested in Historical Fiction, you might enjoy:</i>	
<u>London</u> by Edward Rutherford	<u>Serum</u> by Edward Rutherford
<i>Other Plays & Novels from which to choose:</i>	
<u>Jude the Obscure</u> by Thomas Hardy	<u>Return of the Native</u> by Thomas Hardy
<u>A Tale of Two Cities</u> by Charles Dickens	<u>Kim</u> by Rudyard Kipling
<u>Orlando</u> by Virginia Woolf	<u>Mrs. Dalloway</u> by Virginia Woolf
<u>To the Lighthouse</u> by Virginia Woolf	<u>The Importance of Being Earnest</u> by Oscar Wilde
Any play by William Shakespeare , except <u>Othello</u> , or <u>Romeo and Juliet</u>	

Some things to do before reading the novel on which you will be writing:

- Always read any material in the introduction of the book and any material at the end of the book. You may find an explanation of issues you wish to discuss in your essay in the introductory material.
 - Find a short biography of the author (perhaps at the back or front of the book) and read it. This may help you to understand the novel more fully.
 - While reading the novel, be sure to take notes! Write in your book, if possible.
 - Note any words that are unfamiliar. Look them up in the dictionary.
 - Pay close attention to themes you find in the book (what “messages” do you think the author has in writing this work?)
 - Pay attention to the way each character is described in the novel, how he or she looks, acts, thinks, reacts, and interacts with other characters.
 - Pay close attention to any symbolism you might see in the novel.
 - Pay attention to how characters differ and how they might be similar.
 - Pay attention to how the situations or characters in the novel might relate to your own experiences.
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Book Report Assignments:

Part 1-

Make a list of 25 words from the novel you think someone might not understand.

Define each word in your own words.

Give the part of speech for each word.

Copy the sentence from the book from which you got the word. Make sure to put page number in parentheses behind each word.

Number each word

Part 2-

Make a list of the plot of the book in 25 sentences. What happened in the book? Recount the events in 25 numbered sentences. Number each sentence neatly.

Part 3-

Make a list of at least 25 proper nouns (names, places, etc.) in the novel. Explain each in a sentence. Number each.

Part 4-

In a paragraph of at least 25 numbered sentences explain a theme (a life lesson) learned from this book. Use examples from the book to back up your point.

Number your sentences.