

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We would like to welcome you to the Peoria Christian High School English Program, which includes a summer reading assignment to prepare for the 2022-2023 school year. We want the students to make reading at least one classic novel a part of their summer. We also require that students **use the study guide/log to record that they have answered the study guide questions as they read.**

**Making it work** - There are several ways you can help make the summer reading program work:

**Step #1 – Download and print** the study guide & log **before** reading the novel.

- You will find it through the Summer Reading link on the PCS website (High School Downloads). Fold it into thirds in order to use it as a bookmark. The student should record progress as he/she reads and answers questions.

**Step #2** - Be sure to **read** the book. One important reason for summer reading is to maintain your reading skills; therefore, if you listen to an audio book, you **must follow along in the book.**

- Work out a realistic reading schedule with him/her in order to complete the novel and the study guide before the start of the 2022-2023 school year.

**Step #3** - Remind him/her to **fill out the reading log along the way**, indicating his/her progress on the reading and the study guide questions.

- Talk to him/her about the issues addressed on the study guide. (These answers do NOT need to be written out or turned in.)

**Book selection** - We have selected books based on the following criteria:

- Each book is considered quality literature, originating from a variety of places and time periods.
- Each book is at the appropriate reading level for the students assigned it.
- The books can be understood with the help of study guide information and questions.
- Books are assigned based on the English class the student will be taking next year.

ENG9 *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain **or\*** *Around the World in Eighty Days* by Jules Verne

ENG10 *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen **or\*** *The Hobbit* by J. R. R. Tolkien **or\*** *The Hiding Place* by Corrie Ten Boom

ENG11 (including Honors section) *To Kill a Mocking Bird* by Harper Lee **or\*** *My Antonia* by Willa Cather

ENG12 *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley **or\*** *Cry, The Beloved Country* by Alan Paton

APENG *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley **and** *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston

\* If a student has previously read one of the book selections for his grade, he should choose the other book.

### **Credit for Reading**

- Complete your reading and the study guide questions before the start of the school year on August 16 so that you and your student can sign the log.
- Completion of reading and study guide questions will be worth about 2% of the first semester grade.

**Thank you for your cooperation. It makes all the difference!**



**Are book assignments based on last year's grade level, or next year's grade level?**

*The assignment is considered part of the upcoming school year – the grade you are entering.*

**What if I do not have an English class scheduled for first semester?**

*Sophomores who have Speech first semester will turn in their reading log to Miss Anderson. If you don't have Speech or English 10, turn in your log to Mrs. McGinnis during the first week of school, and it will be included in your second semester grade.*

**Why are there two or three books listed for my grade?**

*Students should choose one\*\* of the selections. \*\*AP students need to read both.*

**What if I have already read one of the books?**

*Students should choose a book they have not read before. If you have read all books selected for your grade, contact the school. We will find another option for you.*

**Can I just start reading the book and deal with the study guide and reading log later?**

*No, you will need to **print the study guide first** so you will see the introductory information and background necessary to best understand the novel. Also, you will need to record your reading on the log each day that you read.*

**Can I listen to an audio book for my summer reading?**

*One important reason for summer reading is to maintain your reading skills; therefore, if you get an audio book, you **must read along** in the text itself.*

**Could I just read the summaries or watch the movie?**

*No. Although some materials – summaries, character sketches, online essays, or film adaptations– are helpful, they should not take the place of actually reading the book.*

**How do I fill out the reading log?**

*Download the reading log **before** you start reading the book. Fold in thirds to use as a bookmark.*

*Before you begin the book, read the introductory remarks. Consider the questions listed on the study guide **as you read**. After you have read each paragraph and/or answered each question, put a check in the blank to the left.*

*Each time you read, use the chart on the left of the log to record the date on which you read and the page on which you quit reading.*

*Signing the log should be last since the signature indicates that the other information is truthful.*

**Do I have to write out the answers to the questions and turn them in?**

*No. You may think about the answers to the questions. You may also choose to get together with other students and discuss the answers. You may want to make it a family project so parents and students can discuss the questions together.*

**Isn't that ultimately leaving it up to the "honor system"?**

*Yes. We expect students and their parents to be accurate and honest in completing the study guide and reading log. We at PCS all agree that character is more important than academics. However, the best choice is to complete the assignment as directed—then it won't come down to choosing one over the other.*

**When should this work be completed?**

*Complete your reading, the reading log, and the study guide questions during the summer. Logs will be collected at the start of the 2022-2023 school year (August 16).*

**Does this assignment count for a grade?**

*Yes. Completion of reading and study guide questions will be worth about 2% of the first semester grade.*

**What if I do not finish?**

*Turn in the record of whatever you have completed so you can earn partial credit.*