

# Summer Reading

2017

## Two requirements

**\*Requirement #1~** Read The Kite Runner. Choose one of the following prompts to respond to in a well written essay. Your essay should be at least 2 pages typed (12 font, double spaced, MLA format) and include several direct quotes from the book. This essay is due the **FIRST** day of class, no exceptions.

A limited number of copies are available for check-out in the main office at Lamphere High School – please check the website for summer hours. Copies of the novel are also available at your local library, on Kindle (or similar devices), and at bookstores.

Option #1

In many works of literature, past events can affect, positively or negatively, the present actions, attitudes, or values of a character. Choose a novel or play in which a character must contend with some aspect of the past, either personal or societal. Then write an essay in which you show how the character's relationship to the past contributes to the meaning of the work as a whole.

Option #2

Works of literature often depict acts of betrayal. Friends and even family may betray a protagonist; main characters may likewise be guilty of treachery or may betray their own values. Select a novel or play that includes such acts of betrayal. Then, in a well-written essay, analyze the nature of the betrayal and show how it contributes to the meaning of the work as a whole. Choose a work from the list below or another novel or play of comparable quality. Avoid mere plot summary.

Option #3

In many works of literature, a physical journey—the literal movement from one place to another—plays a central role. Choose a novel, play, or epic poem in which a physical journey is an important element and discuss how the journey adds to the meaning of the work as a whole. You may write your essay on one of the following works or on another of comparable quality. Avoid mere plot summary.

**Grading:** Your work will be evaluated on the following:

- The thoughtfulness of your ideas
- Your use of the say, show, mean format (claim, support, commentary)
- How well you support your claims
- Use of the MLA format

**Total of 50 points**

**\*\*Requirement #2:** You must read one novel of literary merit of your own choosing. Be prepared to discuss your independent novel during the first week of school **AND** do an in class writing assignment on this novel.

Email me for suggestions or with any questions: [martinl@lamphereschools.org](mailto:martinl@lamphereschools.org)

See Mrs. Martin's Google Classroom for support.  
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