

FBS English 11 Summer Reading 2020

Happy Summer! For your summer reading assignment you are required to read two books. You will complete a one-page response for the **fiction text** and work with the **non-fiction text** when school returns!



Reading is essential to your success throughout the academic year, but it is also crucial to your brain development over the summer. Research shows that students who read, produce better writing, perform better on assessments, and think more critically. Simply put, it is important that you keep reading and thinking over the summer to prepare for our English class and the academic year.

Book #1 Non-Fiction

You will choose a biography or autobiography written about an influential figure(s) in British history and culture. This character can be from the Anglo-Saxon period to modern day British History! Your influential figure can also be of Scottish or Irish origin. You can choose a biography about a musician, writer, artist, war soldier, socialite, royal family member, etc.



[\(Suggested British Biography Books Amazon Link\)](#)

****Be prepared to work with your chosen biography the first few weeks of school!****

Book #2 Fiction:

You will choose one book from the following list and write a one page response to one of the novels below.

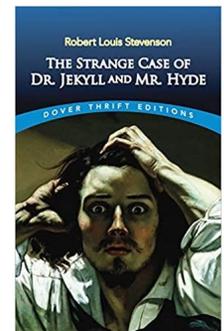
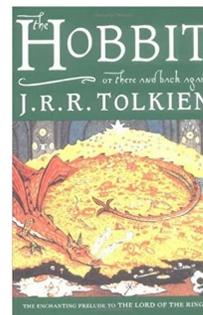
The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien ([Amazon Link](#))

OR

The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde ([Amazon Link](#))

If you choose *The Hobbit* respond to the the following prompt:

Throughout the novel, the theme of good vs. evil is present. In *The Hobbit*, J. R. R. Tolkien portrays evil as powerful. Using specific examples from the text, discuss in what ways he shows evil to be a powerful force. Think about how he demonstrates evil can be fought, and what he seems to say about the battle of good vs. evil.



If you choose *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* respond to the following prompt:

Throughout the novel, the theme of good vs. evil is present. Using specific examples from the novel, explain how the duality of good vs. evil within human nature is depicted within the novel.

Essay Reminders:

- Your essay should be a minimum of a page in length.
- Your essay should be typed and written in accordance with MLA formatting.
- You should have a thesis statement, based on the chosen prompt.
- No 1st person (I, you, us, we).
- Make sure to use specific examples from the text to prove your points.

Suggested Book (Not Required): To further your learning, it may benefit you to read the following book to prepare for English 11! *How to Read Literature Like A Professor For Kids* by Thomas C. Foster ([Amazon Link](#))

You should have your essay typed, printed, and ready to turn in the first day of school! Your summer reading will count as your first Major Grade in the gradebook!