

# HONORS BRITISH LITERATURE

## MCC SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT 2019-2020

### THE POLICY

The Muskegon Catholic Central English department provides a solid college preparation program for all its students, taking great measures to ensure that each student has multiple opportunities to spend time reading independently from the course they are registered for. As a department we are ever changing in order to better fit the needs of our students, and the more rigorous expectations they will have from year to year.

All students, grades 7 -12, will be required to complete an independent reading assignment(s). This assignment will be created specifically for the course that the student is registered for, no matter if first or second semester.

Each grade level will have the opportunity to read a book of their choice; this "choice" will vary depending on the level of the course. As the goal of the English department is to encourage a love and an appreciation of reading, creating class libraries of contemporary material for students to access is a priority. **Therefore, the choice text must be purchased as each respective English teacher will be collecting the "choice" text from each student to add to class libraries.**

### THE ASSIGNMENT

#### CHOICE Text

In order to facilitate a wide variety of interests, I am giving you academic freedom to select a book that you want to read, fiction or nonfiction, and then simply read it. The only stipulation? It must be a **work of academic merit** at/above your reading level. DO NOT SELECT a text you have read for any other course at MCC. Make sure to read this text and complete the assignments by **August 2nd** (11pm).

#### Assignment #1 - Setting Up Drive

Make sure to work in order and to follow all instructions precisely.

1. Go to Drive.
2. Then click NEW, choose Folder. Name it **LAST NAME, FIRST NAME - HBL**.
3. Share the HBL FOLDER with me: **kdornbos@muskegoncatholic.org**.  
→ Once you share the HBL folder, everything in that folder is instantly shared with me.
4. Now, click inside this folder because it is time to set up folders for this class this year. Make sure to type them as I noted below:
  - 01 - Assignments
  - 02 - Reaction Journals
  - 03 - Quotes
  - 04 - Essays

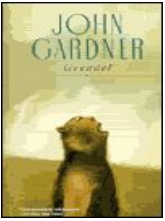
5. Lastly, inside each of the above 4 folders, you will need to create a GRADED folder (in all caps).

**THIS step must be COMPLETED before you continue...**

#### Assignment #2 - The Actual Assignment

1. First, create a document in your **Assignment Folder**. Title it "01 - Last Name, SR1."
2. Next, you will need to address all of the following areas. Skip a line between each bulleted request.
  - Title, Author, Publication Date
  - ONE Sentence HOLISTIC INTERPRETATION** of the text. This means you are writing just one sentence which interprets the entire text in an analytical manner.
  - Explain the significance of the title. There is always an intention, so prove it (6-8 sentences).
  - If you were giving a 1 minute speech on this text, recommending it to a group, what would you say? I am looking for an extended paragraph for this response (15-20 sentences).
  - Lastly, explain the academic value that was inherent in the text you chose to read. I would expect that you write an extended paragraph for this response (15-20 sentences).

#### CLASS Text



## ***Grendel*** by John Gardner

This novel **retells** the first British epic, *Beowulf*, from Grendel's point of view; he is "the monster." This is a fictional "quasi-autobiographical" story of a monster trying to fit into a world where he is not wanted. Make sure to read this text and complete the assignment by Sunday, **December 8** (11pm).

### **Assignment - A Shared Document**

1. I will share a document with everyone on Monday, **December 2nd by 8am.**
2. You will need to check your email/shared documents to access, and then you must make sure to SAVE A COPY of the document inside your HBL Drive Folder.
3. Save it as "**02 - Last Name, SR2**"
4. Then, you need to complete the document independently, using your own ideas about the text by December 8th (11pm).