

HONORS COMPOSITION & LITERATURE 9

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

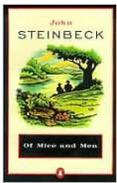
CHOICE Text

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 assignment by **August 2nd** (11pm).

Assignment

1. First, create a document in DRIVE, and title it "01 - Last Name, SR1."
2. Next, share it with me at kdornbos@muskegoncatholic.org.
3. Next, you will need to address all of the following areas. Skip a line between each bulleted request.
 - Title, Author, Publication Date
 - If you were giving a 1 minute speech on this text, recommending it to a group, what would you say? I am looking for a paragraph for this response (10-12 sentences).
 - Lastly, explain the academic value of the text you chose to read. I am looking for a paragraph for this response (10-12 sentences).

CLASS Text



Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck

This novel takes place during the Great Depression, and it focuses on the American Dream. It is a story about two guys who travel together: George and Lennie. While reading the novel, pay particular attention to character development, as well as the progression of the American Dream. Make sure to read this text and complete the assignment by Sunday, **August 18th** (11pm).

Assignment - Reaction Journals

1. First, create a document in DRIVE, and title it "02 - Last Name, SR2."
2. Next, share it with me at kdornbos@muskegoncatholic.org.
3. **This document will contain 6 reaction journals.** You will type one journal for every chapter in this text.
 - A **reaction journal** is a typed reflection of your thoughts on the text - **what are you understanding, not understanding, liking, not liking?** Each journal should be **analytical – do not restate the plot at all!**
 - Each reaction journal must be **12 typed lines** in a single block (full lines – do not indent).
 - Journals should be typed continuously as to save paper.
 - Every journal should have just a centered heading **Reaction Journal # ___ – Chapter ___**.
 - Skip a line, and then type your reaction to that chapter (Times New Roman, 12 pt., single spaced).