

10th Grade Summer Reading—

All rising 10th graders should read and journal on one of the books listed below (do not choose a book you've read before ☺).

- ⇒ *The Scarlet Pimpernel* by Baroness Orczy
- ⇒ *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen
- ⇒ *Kidnapped* by Robert Louis Stevenson
- ⇒ *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck
- ⇒ *Prince Caspian, or Voyage of the Dawn Treader* by Lewis
- ⇒ *1984* by George Orwell
- ⇒ *Safely Home* by Randy Alcorn
- ⇒ *The Cost: My Life on a Terrorist Hit List* by Ali Husnain

Keep an informal journal while you read on notebook paper. This should include at least 12 entries, each entry being at least one paragraph long (consider doing one entry per chapter). Topics covered in the journal should include your thoughts about the book as it unfolds: plot, character descriptions (how they appear, act, and think), symbols, your expectations for the ending, any literary elements you notice (foreshadowing, themes, point of view), etc. The journals should be thoughtful and not just “fluff.”

Be prepared to write an in-class response about your book in the fall in addition to discussing it in class.

Additionally, 10th honors students should read and complete the following assignment.

10th Honors Summer Reading Assignment: *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte

Read *Jane Eyre*, and assemble the following information in a spiral notebook to be turned in for a grade:

1. Before reading, research the term Byronic hero. As you read, list examples of how Rochester fulfills the definition.
2. Research the author and after reading, list some similarities of her life to events, characters, and places in the novel.
3. Research the term Gothic as it applies to literature and discuss how this novel represents the term. Relate at least five characteristics.
4. Describe the four settings in the novel and give a brief symbolic explanation of each.

5. Using a chart or other graphic organizer, explain the relationships of the characters to each other (who is related to whom, who is marrying whom, etc.)
6. What social criticism is presented in the novel on marriage, education, and religion? Find some examples in the novel and relate in your own words what the author is trying to communicate to the reader. It might be helpful to research the time period in which the novel was written to understand what society was like.

Be prepared to have an in-class discussion and quiz on *Jane Eyre* in the fall. The reading and journals should be completed by the first week of school.

I will be checking my email over the summer. If you have questions on any part of the summer reading assignment, please email me at meredith.mente@northsidecharlotte.com.

Happy Reading!