

ST. JOSEPH HIGH SUMMER READING 2010

9TH GRADE

Ninth Grade Summer Reading Assignments

Welcome to St. Joseph High School! All incoming 9th Graders to St. Joseph High School are required to read and report on two books during the summer. The assignments should be submitted to your English teacher on the second day of class.

Directions: Choose any two of these books (not one that you have already read).

When I Was Puerto Rican by Esmeralda Santiago

Call of the Wild by Jack London

Tales of Two Cities by Charles Dickens

Something Wicked This Way Comes by Ray Bradbury

Great Expectations by Charles Dickens

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie

Black Boy by Richard Wright

Bless Me Ultima by Rudolpho Anaya

The Book of Ruth by Jane Hamilton

The Call of the Wild by Jack London

The Catcher in the Rye by J. D. Salinger

Fallen Angels by Walter Dean Myers

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

Summer Reading Project on the First Novel

PROJECTS (for one book)

Select one of the following:

- Timeline-of at least 12 major events from the entire book in chronological order. Summarize each event and explain why each was important.

- Comic Strip-drawn by hand or computer drawn, which is at least 12 frames long and highlights important scenes. Short dialogue balloons are fine—but be sure to include an explanation of the scene at the bottom of each frame.
- Scrapbook-for two characters (protagonist and antagonist). Include mementos of the character such as pictures, ticket stubs, notes from friends, awards, souvenirs, dried flowers etc. Do not forget to label and explain each. (At least twenty pages long)

Assignment for the (2nd book):

- Complete a journal assignment in which you analyze the theme, characters, or setting for the play. In other words, what do you think about what is happening in the story, why the characters act as they do, and your reaction to events and characters in the novel. If anything or anyone reminds you of something or someone in your own life, say so.
- You should include any experiences you have, people you know or have known, or any observances you have made that in some way helps you to understand why the characters behave as they do in the book.
- The assignment should include one hand-written page for each chapter/section.
- Include at least two quotes from each scene to help you illustrate or validate what you are saying.
- (This assignment should be submitted in a spiral bound notebook.)

Enjoy your summer and happy reading!