

Senior Honors English - Summer Reading 2019

This assignment will count as 3 quiz grades and there will be a summer reading test during the first week of school.

Texts:

The Fortunate Pilgrim, Mario Puzo

Motherless Brooklyn, Jonathan Lethem

The Color of Water, James McBride

Writing Assignment (MUST be handwritten or it will not be accepted)

For each book, keep a journal where you HANDWRITE and record the following:

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- Key plot points
- Key characters involved
- Themes you see developing
- Literary devices you notice the author using
- Anything else you notice about the book or the author's choices

Character Study: Select 3 characters from each book. Trace their development throughout the novel and address the following questions: Who are they when we first meet them? How do they change? What is the cause of that change? (Make sure to indicate page numbers where important changes happen!)

Quotations: Select 10 quotations from each text and indicate the meaning or significance of each.

Personal Reaction Paragraph: How did you react to the novel? Did you like it or dislike it? Why? Did any scenes stand out to you? Describe those scenes and why they stood out. If none stood out, explain why. Did you learn anything new about this time period? culture? Would you recommend this book for next year's summer reading? Why or why not?

Enjoy your summer! E-mail me if you have any questions at all. Gans.C@stsaviour.org