

**Our Lady of Mercy High School**  
**2018 Summer Reading**  
**9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Theology, English, Math, and Science require summer reading. Be sure that you follow the various directions below so that you will be prepared for these classes in the fall. You will be assessed on the assigned book the first two weeks of school. You will also be expected to bring your knowledge of the book into classroom discussions at the appropriate period.

**Theology 9**

Your book will be part of the general discussions in your Theology class in the fall and spring semesters. The evaluation will include questions on the *assigned portion*, a secondary writing assignment and test to be administered during the first weeks of fall semester.

**Theology:** *Perelandra* by C.S. Lewis ISBN: 978-0743234917

**Written Assignment:** The written assignment will be given the first week of class.

**Math and Science Department Reading**

During the first week of school, all Science classes will have assessments on the summer reading. The assessment may be in the form of an in-class writing assignment, quiz or test.

**Math/Science:** *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot ISBN: 1400052181

**English Department Reading**

All incoming freshmen are to read and answer the following questions. During the first week of the new school year, all English classes will have tests on the books read. The questions on the English books will be due during the first week. You must answer the questions on a word processor. **Please** be brief, use your own words, and avoid such publications as Cliff Notes. We hope your reading will be pleasurable.

### **English Assignment**

*Jurassic Park* by Micheal Crichton

Write the answers to the questions for each book you read following the form below using the numbers and headings. **Quality** is more important than quantity. Please complete the following assignment by the first full day of school. This assignment **MUST** be typed and printed.

Who are the main characters? Please provide a two- three sentence description of each character.

Who is the protagonist? Who is the antagonist? Why?

Hammond is the primary visionary behind Jurassic Park and the owner of the island. How do you think the novel might be different if it were written from his perspective?

The book is entitled, "Jurassic Park." Why did the author choose this title? How does the title foreshadow the creatures used in the novel, the events that unfold on the island, and the choice of Alan Grant as one of the main characters?

Is there imagery in this novel? What does imagery provide for the reader? Find an example of imagery in the novel and explain its significance.

### **English Honors Assignment**

*A Separate Peace* by John Knowles ISBN# 0743253973

Write the answers to the questions for each book you read following the form below using the numbers and headings. **Quality** is more important than quantity. Every question, except #5, can be answered in a meaningful sentence or two. Folders, artwork, etc., are not necessary. Use a word processor if possible.

1. Setting: Give time and place and any major changes of setting.
2. Characters: Name and briefly describe all major characters. List minor characters.
3. Conflict: Who is the protagonist? Who or what is the antagonist? What is the basic problem (man vs. man, man vs. nature, man vs. himself) and how is it resolved?
4. Theme: What is the underlying message or meaning of the book? Theme is expressed by completing this sentence with a complete thought statement: "The theme of the novel is that \_\_\_\_\_." (For example, "The theme of the novel is that good is more prevalent than evil among people.")
5. Plot: Write a one or two sentence (maximum) summary of events for each chapter. You will have a test on major people, places, and events during the first week of school.
6. Point of View: Who tells the story? How are events and the theme influenced by the narrator's point of view? Keep in mind that the narrator may or may not be a character.
7. Quote: Select one quotation from the story that seems to "say it all." This should be something someone says, which really gets to the heart of the book's meaning.
8. Figurative Language: Choose two figures of speech that the author uses especially well. Tell what they mean and how they contribute to the story.