

10th Grade Summer/First Quarter Reading

2023 - 2024

You will have a test on both selections.

Part I: Novel Assignment

Choose one of the novels listed below.

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald or *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger

Literature Analysis (Due 8/18/23)

All students will be required to complete a literature analysis assignment that consists of the following assignments for **one of the books**. Type or write your responses to the questions.

- ✓ **Critical Summary**- Type an 8-12 sentence paragraph that includes a brief summary of the book and a critique of the book. In other words, summarize the book and write about why you liked or didn't like the book. You may comment on the characters, plot, or theme.
 - ✓ **Book Analysis Questions** – Answer all of the following questions. You must type/write at least **one paragraph** for each response. Cite evidence from the novel.
 - ✓ **Plot Diagram** – For your chosen novel write down the events of the exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution. Write responses on instructional handout provided.
1. What part of the novel did you have the strongest reaction to while reading the book? This response could be sadness, anger, excitement or another emotion. Why did you react strongly to that particular part of the novel?
 2. Think about the theme of the novel. What lessons did you learn, and how can you apply these lessons to your own life?
 3. How does the novel relate to current society? Is the novel still relevant?
 4. Would you recommend this novel to a friend? Why or why not?

Part II: Short Story Assignment

Choose **two** of the readings listed below.

“Echo and Narcissus” by Ovid

Roaring Twenties by Mike Kubic

To Build a Fire by Jack London

The Odyssey by Homer

After reading **two** of the four selections above answer the text dependent /discussion questions for each in the given handout.

Short Reading Assignments (Due Date: August 18, 2023)