



**High School Summer Reading  
Entering Grade 11**

All students are required to read two assigned novels per grade level. On the first full day of school, students will submit a typed, 250-word essay (500 words for Honors level) using the essay prompt listed for that novel. The essays should be double spaced in 12 pt. font. Content should demonstrate effective writing skills: clear thesis, freedom from grammatical and spelling errors, evidence of interaction with the text and an effective conclusion.

All students are also required to give a PowerPoint oral presentation of their Reader's Choice selection. Honors and College Prep (CP) students will give oral presentations during the second week of school.

**Pre 11<sup>th</sup> Grade-Honors**

***Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury (256 pages)**

**Essay Prompt:** Write about any Biblical or current event references that can be compared to those within the novel. Be sure to incorporate characters, and themes.

**Required READER'S CHOICE** - Choose any fiction or nonfiction novel that contains at least 150 pages. You may NOT choose a book that you have previously read, is a comic, graphic novel, children's book, or anime. In addition, you will need to create a 10-15 slide PowerPoint presentation that you will orally present during the second full week of school. The oral presentation will be counted as a quiz grade. The oral presentation rubric can be found below.

**Pre 11<sup>th</sup> Grade CP**

***Dead Poets Society* by N.H. Kleinbaum (166 pages) and the movie *Dead Poets Society* directed by Peter Weir (running time of 2h 20m)**

**Essay Prompt:** In your essay compare and contrast the book with the movie. Be sure to incorporate characters and themes.

**Required: READER'S CHOICE** - Choose any fiction or nonfiction novel that contains at least 150 pages. You may NOT choose a book that you have previously read, is a comic, graphic novel, children's book, or anime. In addition, you will need to create a 10-15 slide PowerPoint presentation that you will orally present during the second full week of school. The oral presentation will be counted as a quiz grade. The oral presentation rubric can be found below.

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## Summer Reading Oral Presentation Criteria

(Honors and CP Required)

**Total Required Length: 4-5 min**

**Materials: PowerPoint Presentation**

**Content:**

- Include title and author
- Very brief summation of key plot points - no more than 1 minute. Comment about main characters, choices made, situations, themes presented, how the book relates to your life and/or our culture or world. Your opinion of the book backed up by specific examples from the text. For example, if you state that the author’s word choices are difficult to understand, then you would need to read a paragraph with a sample of his or her tricky word choices. If you state that the action never stops, then you would also need to share an exceptionally exciting passage (no longer than 20 sec. or so, though, as you may not “pad” your report with passages!).

**Presentation:** We need to HEAR every word you say distinctly and clearly. Kindly enunciate, slow down, and keep the *um*’s, *aah*’s, *like*’s, and *you know*’s to a minimum! PLUS, we need to see the whites of your eyeballs - often. SO look up at us – not into your cards, not at the floor, not at the walls, nor up at the ceiling. LOOK at us.

Criteria	Possible Points	Points Received
<b>Materials:</b> Well prepared PowerPoint.	<b>20</b>	
<b>Content:</b> Mentioned Title, Author. No more than 1 min. plot summary. Effective analysis of characters, choices, themes, etc. Points backed by examples from text	<b>50</b>	
<b>Presentation:</b> Clear strong volume. Good eye contact Minimal paralanguage ( <i>um</i> 's, <i>uh</i> 's, " <i>like</i> 's", etc.)	<b>20</b>	
<b>Total Length:</b> 4-5 min. <b>Actual Time:</b>	<b>10</b>	