# Montgomery High School English Department



# Program Overview 2019

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#### **Questions?**

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### REQUIRED TEXT(S) AND ASSIGNMENTS

#### **GRADE 9**

#### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade College Prep

Required Reading:

1-The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian—Sherman Alexie

#### Assignment:

 Take notes while reading for use during class discussion. Some items to look for might include significant quotes, evidence of symbolism or themes, notable use of literary devices, etc.

#### 9th Grade Honors

Required Reading:

1-The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian—Sherman Alexie
2-The Namesake—Jhumpa Lahiri

#### Assignment:

- Take <u>handwritten</u> notes while reading the assigned texts. Notes should focus on:
  - identity (how it is shaped, impacted, changed, etc.)
  - o how one's home shapes one's identity
  - o significant quotes
  - symbolism, themes, and other notable literary devices

#### **GRADE 10**

#### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade College Prep

Required Reading:

1- "These Shining Lives" by Melanie Marnich (pdf file linked on the MHS English Department website HERE)

#### Assignment:

 Take notes while reading for use during class discussion and assessment. Some items to look for might include significant quotes, evidence of symbolism or themes, notable use of literary devices, etc.

#### 10th Grade Honors

Required Reading:

1-To Kill a Mockingbird—Harper Lee

#### Assignment:

- Take notes while reading for use during class discussion. Some items to look for might include significant quotes, evidence of symbolism or themes, notable use of literary devices, etc.
- Print and complete the *Bank of Knowledge* handout found on the English Department website HERE

#### **GRADE 11 COLLEGE PREP**

(Please complete the assignment for your FALL course placement)

# 11<sup>th</sup> Grade *Heroes, Villains & Monsters* CP Required Reading:

1-Of Mice and Men—John Steinbeck

#### Assignment:

 Take notes while reading for use during class discussion. Some items to look for might include significant quotes, evidence of symbolism or themes, notable use of literary devices, etc.

### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade And Justice for All CP

Required Reading:

1-Of Mice and Men—John Steinbeck

#### Assignment:

 Take notes while reading for use during class discussion. Some items to look for might include significant quotes, evidence of symbolism or themes, notable use of literary devices, etc.

#### **GRADE 11 HONORS**

#### (Please complete the assignment for your FALL course placement)

### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade *Heroes, Villains & Monsters* Honors Required Reading:

- 1-*Chronicle of a Death Fortold*—Gabriel Garcia Marquez
- 2-Where You Go Is Not Who You'll Be—Frank Bruni

#### Assignment:

 Take notes while reading for use during class discussion. Some items to look for might include significant quotes, evidence of symbolism or themes, notable use of literary devices, etc.

### 11th Grade And Justice for All Honors

Required Reading:

- 1-Chronicle of a Death Fortold—Gabriel Garcia Marquez
- 2-Where You Go Is Not Who You'll Be—Frank Bruni

#### Assignment:

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#### ADVANCED PLACEMENT

# 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Advanced Placement Language & Composition

Required Reading:

- 1 The Overachievers: The Secret Lives of Driven Kids Alexandra Robbins
- 2 Choose one (1) "Required Choice Text" listed on the *11AP Summer Reading Assignment* doc HERE

#### Assignment:

 Detailed assignment requirements and expectations for both readings are outlined on the 11AP Summer Reading Assignment doc linked on the MHS English department website <u>HERE</u>

# 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Advanced Placement Literature & Composition

Required Reading:

1-Invisible Man—Ralph Ellison

#### Assignment:

 Detailed assignment requirements and expectations are outlined on the 12AP Summer Reading Assignment doc linked on the MHS English department website HERE

#### **GRADE 12 COLLEGE PREP AND HONORS**

#### 12th Grade College Prep AND Honors

In recognition of the time our seniors will be investing in college applications and essays over summer break, there is no required reading for any senior College Prep or Honors classes. We do, however, have a recommendation:

#### **Recommended Reading** for **ALL** College Prep and Honors Courses:

1-The Geeks Shall Inherit the Earth—Alexandra Robbins

#### Assignment:

Read and Enjoy! While this book is not required, we HIGHLY recommend all of our senior students read it nonetheless. In a format that feels like a cross between *Gossip Girl & Freaks and Geeks*, the book explains how the things that set students apart in high school, the things considered "quirky" or "weird" now, are the things that help them stand out later in life. Trust us: we think you'll love it!

#### \*\*BE SURE TO NOTE PAGE NUMBERS WHENEVER POSSIBLE WHEN TAKING NOTES