

BHS English Literature and Composition (12th Grade)

The BHS Summer Reading Program is designed to allow students to continue to develop their reading comprehension skills during the summer months.

Students will complete a Study Guide for each of their Summer Reading books – one for all students and TWO for HONORS students. Students who have COMPLETED the Study Guide(s) will be able to use it (them) during the Formal Assessment over the book(s) to be administered on Monday, August 9. The Formal Assessment will include objective questions plus a short essay. Students will also turn in the completed Study Guide(s) for a grade; Study Guides must be turned in on Monday, August 9.

Students in the standard-level class should read one of the books below (and complete a Study Guide).

Students in the honors-level class will read TWO books (and complete TWO Study Guides). Those students should read the required honors-level book (*Brighton Rock*) and then choose one of the other five books. Honors-level students will also take an objective test over their two books, write an essay, and submit Study Guides on Monday, August 9.

NOTE: These assignments DO NOT APPLY to students enrolled in AP English Language (11th Grade) or AP English Literature (12th Grade).

British Literature (12th Grade) – ALL STUDENTS – Choose One

- *A Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* – Douglas Adams
 - This science fiction comedy follows the adventures of Arthur Dent, a hapless Englishman, and his encounter with Ford Prefect, an alien doing research for an intergalactic guidebook.
- *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* – Mark Haddon
 - This contemporary novel is written in first person from the point of view of Christopher, a 15 year-old with Asperger's Syndrome, a form of autism. Christopher finds his neighbor's dog has been stabbed by a garden fork and starts an investigation to find the murderer.
- *Rebecca* – Daphne DuMaurier
 - The narrator marries a wealthy Englishman, Maxim de Winter, who takes her to his mansion, Manderlay. Manderlay is overseen by a domineering housekeeper, Mrs. Danvers, who remains devoted to Rebecca, Mr. de Winter's dead first wife.
- *And Then There Were None* – Agatha Christie
 - A classic detective novel by one of the most famous mystery/suspense writers of all time! Ten people, all of whom have been complicit in the deaths of others, are tricked into coming to an island where they begin to be murdered – one by one.
- *Persuasion* – Jane Austen
 - Poor Anne Elliott! She's mistreated by her father and her sisters and, 27 and still unmarried, she is on her way to becoming an old maid. Then she meets the love of her life, dashing Frederick Wentworth. The only problem? He has no money.

Honors British Literature (12th Grade) – Required for HONORS

- *Brighton Rock* – Graham Greene
 - Pinkie, willing to kill, but afraid to kiss, is the teenage leader of a gang in the seaside town of Brighton. After committing a murder, he is forced to marry Rose, an innocent waitress, in order to protect his alibi. Meanwhile, the two are pursued by Ida Arnold, a lounge singer who wants to expose Pinkie's crimes and protect Rose from violence.

This information and the Study Guide will be posted on the BHS website.

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