

Summer Reading Assignment

American Literature and British Literature

Mrs. Runk

American Literature: Read the following books and complete the Form for each.

The Oath by Frank Perretti

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain

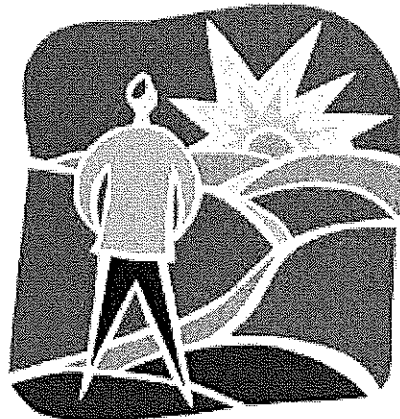
British Literature: Read the following books and complete the Form for each.

Great Expectations by Charles Dickens

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

Reading a good book is like taking a journey.

Emma Guilford



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Summer Reading Form for 11th and 12th Grade

Name of Book _____

Author _____

Number of pages _____ Did you complete the book? Yes No

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Please answer these questions on your own, and do not use an internet source, media or other resources.

Type your answers on another sheet and staple to this one. Your answers should be well developed. Have a great summer.

1. Would you classify this novel as biography, historical fiction, adventure, romance, mystery, fantasy, science fiction, religious, gothic, detective, novel of manners, or other? Why did you choose this classification?
2. Biographical sketch—Write a biographical sketch of one of the characters in your book. You might ask yourself these questions: What is the writer's attitude toward the subject? What is the writer's purpose in creating this character? Does the writer use description, dialogue, or commentary to present this character? What do you learn about him/her from his/her actions or what other characters say about him/her? What picture of this character emerges by the end of the story?
3. Plot is the structure of events, which result from a conflict. Explain the main plot of the novel. These questions might guide you in your writing: What happens in the book? At what point is excitement at its peak? How does the writer signal the turning point of the action? Are all the loose ends tied up by the end of the book?
4. Identify the setting for the novel and discuss its importance.
5. Point of view is the method the writer chooses to tell the story. Choose an important scene in the book and tell it from another character's point of view.
6. Identify a theme from the novel and discuss how the author brings you to a conclusion about it (or does he or she reach a conclusion?).

Forms are due on the first day of school.

Be prepared for a test on Day two!