

Honors British Literature SUMMER READING 2019-2020

Welcome! We look forward to traversing the globe with you through the eyes of some of the best writers of all time. Students enrolled in Honors British Literature will be required to read two (2) novel selections over the summer: one fiction and one nonfiction. We would like to see you bring these books to class on the first day of school.

Be prepared to be assessed over these books immediately upon school starting. It would benefit you to annotate in your book (if you own it) while you read. The only assignment you have this summer is to immerse yourself in the splendor of these books and enjoy some fine summer reading!

NOVEL CHOICES

FICTION (choose one):

Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte: Emily Brontë's only novel, *Wuthering Heights* remains one of literature's most disturbing explorations into the dark side of romantic passion. Heathcliff and Cathy believe they're destined to love each other forever, but when cruelty and snobbery separate them, their untamed emotions literally consume them.

Hound of the Baskervilles by Arthur Conan Doyle: At Baskerville Hall on the grim moors of Devonshire, a legendary curse has apparently claimed one more victim. Enter Sherlock Holmes, summoned to protect Sir Henry from the fate that has threatened the Baskerville family.

Atonement by Ian McEwan: When thirteen year old Briony Tallis witness the flirtation between her older sister, Cecilia, and Robbie Turner, the son a servant, her imagination stirs up a crime that changes all of their lives forever.

NONFICTION (choose one)

The Lady in the Tower: The Fall of Anne Boelyn by Alison Weir: *The Lady in the Tower* explores the motives and intrigues of those who helped to seal the queen's fate, unraveling the tragic tale of Anne's fall, from her miscarriage of the son who would have saved her to the final, dramatic scene on the scaffold.

From a Clear Blue Sky: Surviving the Mountbatten Bomb by Timothy Knatchbull: On a holiday weekend in the UK in 1979, 14 year old Timothy went out on a boat trip in Ireland; what seemed like a pleasant day quickly turned into a nightmare. For thirty years, Knatchbull has lived with the tragedies of that day: the death of his twin and the loss of his grandparents. Knatchbull tells of his story and his long, painful, yet triumphant recovery.

The Story of My Experiments with Truth by Mohandas K. Gandhi: In his classic autobiography he recounts the story of his life and how he developed his concept of active nonviolent resistance, which propelled the Indian struggle for independence and countless other nonviolent struggles of the twentieth century.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions!

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