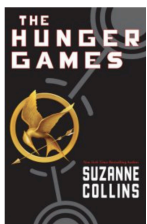


Summer Reading Assignment 2025:

9th Grade Honors Literature and Composition

STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS (*please read carefully)

- Students will read **one** (1) novel and analyze it with the accompanying character biography project work (we will build on this once you are in class). **It is also important to annotate as you read.**
- Here is [the link](#) to the slides project (it will force you to make a copy in your Google Drive). Here is a [copy of the](#) PDF that you can print (for those who prefer to work on paper) or open with a program such as Kami or Adobe (for those who prefer to write digitally). Any of the three formats will be acceptable. You will still have to upload your work to Canvas during the 1st week of school. (If working on paper, you will be able to take a picture of your work and upload it.)
- Follow all directions carefully. Email Ms. Laxton (laxton.jennifer.p@muscogee.k12.ga.us) with any questions.
- **DUE DATE:** You should upload to Canvas **during the first week of school**. Your English teacher will give you instructions for this *in class*.
- You may be asked to complete assignments with your summer reading book, such as discussions, an in-class timed writing, and/or a final project.
- You will need to be completely familiar with the plot, the characters, and the literary devices in your novel!
- **LATE WORK POLICY:** Any and all work that is not submitted by the due date and time will incur a 20% late penalty. If the late work is not submitted within 3 days of the original due date, the summer work will be recorded as a zero in the grade book.
- **PLAGIARISM POLICY:** Any student found guilty of plagiarism will receive a zero (0) for the assignment, will have their parents contacted, will be referred to the honor council, and will be stripped of any academic honors for a full calendar year. **WARNING: Avoid copying another student's work or copying and pasting from sites like Sparknotes, Enotes, and Bookrags, as this will warrant consequences for plagiarism. Any use of AI for this assignment is prohibited and will result in the same scrutiny and consequences as plagiarizing from internet sources.**



"In a not-too-distant future, the United States of America has collapsed, weakened by drought, fire, famine, and war, to be replaced by Panem, a country divided into the Capitol and 12 districts. Each year, two young representatives from each district are selected by lottery to participate in *The Hunger Games*. Part entertainment, part brutal intimidation of the subjugated districts, the televised games are broadcast throughout Panem as the 24 participants are forced to eliminate their competitors, literally, with all citizens required to watch. When 16-year-old Katniss's young sister, Prim, is selected as the mining district's female representative, Katniss volunteers to take her place. She and her male counterpart, Peeta, the son of the town baker who seems to have all the fighting skills of a lump of bread dough, will be pitted against bigger, stronger representatives who have trained for this their whole lives."

from— *The School Library Journal*

*I would recommend getting a hard copy of the book so that you can annotate properly; however, you are welcome to borrow from your public library and use sticky notes instead. Even if you've read it before, read it again with a critical eye.

You will want to annotate (write notes) in the pages of your novel for the following:

Here is a [video](#) on annotating.

Here is a PDF [guide](#).

- Vocabulary—see some *suggestions* from ch. 1 below:
 - Any words you need to look up that Collins uses to create the world, and/or any that are used in a new and interesting way.
- Foreshadowing
 - Find clues revealing what will happen later in the story.
- Themes
 - What did you learn about people, society, or yourself after reading this book?
 - Examples:
 - Everything turns out all right in the end.
 - Trust your instincts.
- Conflicts
 - Internal vs external (human vs human, human vs nature, human vs themselves)
- Utopia
- Dystopia
- entrails
- reaping
- apothecary
- iridescent
- paraffin
- tesserae
- meager
- racketeers
- sustenance
- tribute
- repentance
- treason