

Memo Regarding Summer Assignments

To: All Students Taking AP English Literature and Composition

From: Ms. Podvesker

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I look forward to having you in class next year and hope that you have an enjoyable summer. To start the year with shared experiences, you will need to do the following:

1. You will **read each of the following books**; no Cliffs Notes or movie substitutions.

- A. *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte
- B. *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens
- C. *The Fire Next Time* by James Baldwin

Reading of *Survivors Club* should be completed by September 15.

As you read, you will make periodic posts to a class discussion board over the course of the summer. You will be making two types of posts: original observations and questions to spark discussion with your classmates and response comments to the observations and questions posed by your classmates. Instructions for posts will be found in the message section for the class.

Class Discussion Board on Google Classroom- directions will be posted on my website by the beginning of July.

2. Personal Essay – this assignment asks you to write a personal essay in anticipation of this year's application process. See website for details. www.cwcboe.org/jchs -- follow the link to summer reading or go to my home page on the website and click on summer reading link.

3. Critical Article Reading: After your reading of *Great Expectations*, *The Fire Next Time* and *Jane Eyre* choose ANY 3 academic critical articles (1 for each text) from the Literary Database—JSTOR (click on the link via the JCHS Library Database page).

- Print out the articles
- Annotate each article: highlight and comment on insightful points and connections asserted in each article