What is required?
All work is due by the end registration on the final day (Thursday). This applies to both hard copies and electronic copies. Members of the English department will be at registration to receipt hard copies and to help students transfer electronic copies to the appropriate teacher.

**Returning students should note the changes in requirements in Characterization and Connections.**

All students at Mayo must complete the following for summer reading:

- **Read a summer reading novel of their choice.** Make sure that you are reading from the correct list. All English I-V CP students select from the CP list; all Honors and AP students select from their specific level of Honors.
- **Submit** either an online spreadsheet OR annotations within the novel. **We do not accept handwritten copies in pencil.** All information, links and the rubric are included in this file.
- **Note:** all students will have a follow-up assessment once summer reading notes have been returned. This includes students who did not submit the initial assignment at registration.

What are the requirements?
All students--CP, Honors/Dual Credit, and AP--have the same requirements. You will need to provide quotes and explanations for the following categories: protagonist’s characterization, conflicts, vocabulary, author’s craft, figurative language, motifs/theme, symbols/allusions, connections/Wows, questions.
You may submit your information in **ONE** of the following ways:

- Click [here](#) for the online spreadsheet and rubric. You must have a Google account to complete this version of the assignment. The English Department will be at registration to help you submit this version.
- Click [here](#) for the annotation categories and rubric. You must submit an annotated copy of your novel OR your typed/neatly handwritten in ink annotations at registration. (NO PENCIL SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.) You will receive a receipt.

**What are the choices?**
Click on the following link if you want to access the file with more details about the books.
Book summaries: click [here](#)

**Book choices by level:**

**English I-V CP classes (9th-12th grade College Prep):**
- *The Beginning of Everything* by Robyn Schneider
- *The 5th Wave* by Rick Yancey
- *The Book of Broken Hearts* by Sarah Ockler
- *Find Me* by Romily Bernard
- *In the Shadow of Blackbirds* by Cat Winters
- *Life After Theft* by Aprilynne Pike
- *Revenge of a Not-So-Pretty Girl* by Carolita Blythe
- *Spirit and Dust* by Rosemary Clement-Moore
- *Steelheart* by Brandon Sanderson
- *This is What Happy Looks Like* by Jennifer E. Smith

**English II Honors (9th grade Honors):**
- *Alas, Babylon* by Pat Frank
- *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding

**English III British Literature Honors (10th grade Honors):**
- *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë
- *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen
- *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens
- *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Brontë

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English IV American Literature Honors (11th grade Honors)
The Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton
A Streetcar Named Desire paired with Our Town (by Tennessee Williams, by Thornton Wilder, respectively)
The Sun Also Rises by Ernest Hemingway

English V Honors/DUAL CREDIT (12th grade Honors)
Hard Times by Charles Dickens
A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving
The Mayor of Casterbridge by Thomas Hardy
To the Lighthouse by Virginia Woolf

Note: Upon returning to school, the first reading assignment is paired with the summer reading selections. Students will need to pick/purchase ONE of the following selections for the first week of school.

The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch & Jeffrey Zaslow
Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom
The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom
Crazy Love by Francis Chan

AP English Language:
The Awakening by Kate Chopin paired with Ethan Frome by Edith Wharton
Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison
The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver

*AP Recommended (but not required) Purchase for Class Use:
Rhetorical Devices: A Handbook and Activities for Student Writers
Note: In the past, some students preferred to take notes in their own copies rather than borrow class copies. Chapter assignments link: click here.

Where can I get the books?
- **Hard Copies:** The book lists have been distributed to the local library and bookstores. They have copies available for checkout or purchase. Please note that if you write in library book, then you must pay to replace it as the library will consider it damaged. Hard copies are also available for purchase at your local bookstores. Order soon to avoid delays.
- **Electronic Copies:** Electronic copies available for purchase for Nook or Kindle from Barnes and Noble and Amazon.
How were the books selected?
The English Department has previewed all books for content, language, and situations and deemed them appropriate for teens. All books also have material that fulfills all requirements of the summer reading spreadsheet/ annotations categories. Honors/AP books are classics-based; CP books are from the 2015 SC Young Adult Book Award list, which has also been screened by students, parents, and teachers state-wide for content, language, and situations. CommonSenseMedia.org has also has reviews of most of the books on the list.

What if I have questions?
The English department has posted the following document to address questions about specific categories. Help Document Link: click here
Please consult this document first before contacting teachers. If you still have questions, contact a teacher at the email address provided further in the document.

What if my schedule changes after registration?
- If you do not change course levels, then your completed assignment is fine. Turn it in on time at registration.
- If you change levels of English (from CP to Honors or vice versa), then you may turn in your current spreadsheet or annotations. If you move up to Honors, you will then have 3 weeks to read a novel from the Honors list so that you can complete the class activities in the Honors unit.

What if I am accepted to Mayo after July 15?
Bring your requirements, rubric and completed work from your previous school to registration. A department member will be available at registration and can determine if you must read a new book. We honor all completed assignments; however, we reserve the right to require further reading in order for a new student to achieve success in our planned units. If further reading is required, the student will have 3 weeks to complete the reading.

How can I contact the English teachers?
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of the English Department members at the following addresses:
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