



## Senior Honors English 2020-2021 Summer Assignments

### Welcome to Senior Honors British Literature Summer Reading, Summer 2020

All students who will be taking 12th grade Honors English during the 2020-2021 school year must complete the reading assignments listed below before the school year begins. These books will be available at a variety of prices through a range of publishers.

Please read the full texts, rather than abridged options for each title. These titles are recognized as texts which college-bound students should read. They represent important concepts in British literature which will enrich your understanding and inspire meaningful class discussion.

I encourage students to take copious notes on the texts listed below. Throughout the year, I regularly encourage and allow students to use such notes during discussions and assessments; I may allow students to use their notes during the test on summer reading.

Please take time to use your skills as an *active reader* to respond to the texts in the form of written notes. Students should take notes on plot, character, and theme as they develop over the course of the texts. Students should also respond to the texts on a higher level by drawing inferences, asking pertinent questions, and making meaningful connections. Students will only be allowed to use notes that are clearly a creation of that individual student.

Finally, I recommend that students read annotated versions of the Shakespearian texts. Both the Arden and Oxford versions are among the most well-respected and helpful.

#### **Required reading for all students:**

- *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley
- *1984* by George Orwell
- *Much Ado about Nothing* by William Shakespeare
- *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare
- Either *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte or *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen