

Summer Reading: English IV, 2009

Seniors:

Everyone is responsible for reading Oedipus Rex (*Oedipus the King*) by Sophocles. This is one part of the group of plays called the Theban trilogy. You may read a commentary on the play; your edition may have critical notes along with the text. Do not read “notes” only, which will be longer than the play. Be prepared to take a quiz on this play the first day of school.

For your second work, choose one of the following novels:

Pride and Prejudice, Austen, Jane

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, Conan Doyle, Sir Arthur  
(volume one or two)

Beowulf, Heaney, Seamus, (translator)

Great Expectations, Dickens, Charles

Frankenstein, Shelley, Mary

1984, Orwell, George

Burning Bright, Chevalier, Tracy

Brave New World, Huxley, Aldous

The Book Thief, Zusak, Markus

Timeline, Crichton, Michael

The Lost Memoirs of Jane Austen, James, Syrie

Pillars of the Earth, Follett, Ken

Gulliver’s Travels, Swift, Jonathan

Write a two-page letter to a friend or to someone in your family in which you give reasons why that person should or should not read the book. Evaluate these elements in your review: plot; main conflict; character development; the writer’s style; theme. The letter should be typed and double spaced.

Questions? Feel free to come and ask me.

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