

English IV

Summer Reading Assignment 2018

Seniors:

Please read the following novel over the summer.

- A is for Alibi Grafton, Sue

The following are recommended books to read over the summer. They are not required, but are all excellent reads:

- The Firm Grisham, John
- The Big Sleep Chandler, Raymond
- Crime and Punishment Dostoyevsky, Fyodor
- Murder on the Orient Express Christie, Agatha
- The Day of the Jackal Forsyth, Frederick
- The Talented Mr. Ripley Highsmith, Patricia

After reading, write a descriptive 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:

1. Plot
 - a. Give a brief summary of the relevant events of the plot as they relate to the following topics:
 - i. Main conflict: What are the two opposing forces in the novel? Are they two characters? Two ideas? Is it an inner conflict or is it external? Perhaps both?
 - ii. Character development: How does the author develop his/her characters? Does the author direct or indirect characterization?
 - iii. The writer's style: How does this author's style of writing differ from other authors you have read? Be specific.
 - iv. Themes: What are the dominant themes of the novel? How are these themes reinforced?

The letter should be typed and double spaced to create a document that is a minimum of 3 pages in length.

Questions? Feel free to contact me at ssmith@salesian.com.

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