



Calvary Christian High School

English 1 and English 1 Honors

Summer Assignment

English Department

Summer learning loss is a well-documented and frequently researched phenomenon that affects students of all grade levels and aptitudes. The best studies find that students lose on average a month, and up to three months in some cases, of grade-level instruction over the summer break.¹ This same research shows that the amount of loss can increase with grade level. Therefore, the English Department of CCHS encourages students to participate in summer reading. Reading from the list below is designed to help students overcome summer learning loss and to prepare them for the upcoming year of academic growth. Both students and their parents are encouraged to take summer reading seriously and complete the reading assignment as instructed on the following page. This assignment applies to **ALL incoming freshmen** taking English 1 or English 1 Honors.

Sincerely,
English Department
Calvary Christian High School

¹ Cooper, Harris, et al. "The Effects of Summer Vacation on Achievement Test Scores: A Narrative and Meta-Analytic Review." *Review of Educational Research*, vol. 66, no. 3, 1996, pp. 227-268. JSTOR, www.jstor.org/stable/1170523.

Instructions

As you will see below, there are different reading requirements for both English 1 and English 1 Honors. As you look at the list of readings, please note that you may obtain and read the book in any format comfortable to you. It is recommended that you carefully read the selected book and take notes. During the first week of school, you will compose a one-paragraph summary of the book in class. The assignment will be worth up to 5% of your first quarter grade and is an opportunity to begin learning the fundamentals for success in high school.

Reading Option from the list below for **English 1** (Select *one*):

- *Animal Farm*, George Orwell
- *Old Man and the Sea*, Ernest Hemingway
- *Shadowlands*, William Nicholson
- *The Gospel of John*: Use one of the following translations - King James Version, New King James Version, English Standard Version, Christian Standard Bible, New International Version.

Reading Options for **English 1 Honors**:

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