

# Calvary Christian High School

## English IV, English IV Honors Summer Assignment

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.<sup>1</sup> 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 students** taking English IV and English IV Honors.

<sup>1</sup> 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](http://www.jstor.org/stable/1170523).

As you will see below, there are different reading requirements for the various English I courses. You may obtain and read the book in any format comfortable to you. In addition to this reading assignment, Honors students must read the book of the Bible listed below. During the first full week of school, all students will take an assessment in class over the comprehension of their chosen book. Also during the first full week of school, all students will compose an in-class writing based on the summer reading assignment. Honors students will have an additional assignment within the first three weeks of school covering the Bible reading assignment.

The assessment and essay required of all students will count for 10% of the first quarter classwork grade average.

Reading Options for **English IV** (select one):

- *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, Robert Lewis Stevenson
- *Heart of Darkness*, Joseph Conrad
- *King Lear*, William Shakespeare
- *Job* (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 IV Honors** (select one):

- *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, Robert Lewis Stevenson
- *Heart of Darkness*, Joseph Conrad
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**AND**

- *Job* (Use one of the following translations: King James Version, New King James Version, English Standard Version, Christian Standard Bible, New International Version)