

British Literature Summer Reading Assignment

St. Bernard High School is committed to its belief in the importance of reading in the intellectual development of the student. For this reason, we supplement the regular English curricula with required summer reading. All students must have the following assignment completed for the first day of school. Assignments are to be submitted to your English teacher for grading. This will be an important part of your first semester's grade. We hope that you will enjoy and be challenged by the books you read. Your English teacher looks forward to reading your journals and children's book.

You must read ***Grendel***, by John Gardner **AND** ***Frankenstein*** by Mary Shelly. For extra credit students may complete ***1984***, by George Orwell.

Students must write an essay on three of the following elements for each book: Plot, Theme, Setting, Conflict, Symbolism, or Character Portrayal. In your essays mention the three elements in the first paragraph and develop those ideas in the body paragraphs. The essays must also meet the following requirements:

- A traditional five paragraph essay.
- A cover page with a proper MLA heading.
- Essays must be word processed and double spaced.
- MLA works cited.

Additionally, be prepared for a test on each book during the two weeks of classes. Students must complete the summer assignments in order to take the tests.