

Dual Credit English

Summer Reading Assignments (2022-2023)

Welcome to Dual Credit English! I am excited to challenge and learn from each other this year. The English department has carefully considered Dual Credit students' needs in selecting this year's required texts. It is vital and required that you complete all parts of the summer reading assignments. Keep in mind that your completion and effort on the summer reading assignment sets the tone for the year.

Summer reading as it provides a jump-start on the school year, improves critical reading abilities, and encourages vocabulary growth. This assignment is designed to help prepare you for this and future college courses. Remember to pace yourself accordingly over the summer break, and do not wait until the last days of the break to begin your summer reading. These summer reading assignments are due at the beginning of class on the first day of school. I DO NOT take late work so if you are unable to complete the required work, you may want to talk to your college counselor about a change in course scheduling.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. Have a wonderful summer!

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Readings:

1. Read *Amusing Ourselves to Death* by Neil Postman (ISBN: 978-0143036531)
2. Read **ONE** of the following:
 - *The Explicit Gospel* by Chandler (ISBN: 978-1433542114)
 - *The Reason for God* by Keller (ISBN: 978-1594483493)
 - *Mere Christianity* by Lewis (ISBN: 978-0060652920)
 - *Gentle and Lowly* by Ortlund (ISBN: 978-1433566134)
 - *Knowing God* by Packer (ISBN: 978-0830816507)
 - *Saving Leonardo* by Pearcey (ISBN: 978-1462787722)
 - *Not a Chance* by Sproul (ISBN: 978-0801016219)
 - *The Holiness of God* by Sproul (ISBN: 978-0842339650)
 - *In His Image* by Wilkens (ISBN: 978-1433549878)

Summary and Response Essays:

1. Write a Summary and Response Essay for **BOTH** works that you read. You should write **ONE** essay on *Amusing Ourselves to Death* and **ONE** essay on the work of your choice (25 points each)
 - Each essay should **summarize** the work in 150-250 words (one paragraph). Do **not** use quotes from the work in this section.
 - After summarizing, you should **respond** to the work in at least 1,350 words (multiple body paragraphs). Use **multiple** quotes from the work in this section.
 - Each essay should:
 - Be at least 1,500 words
 - Follow MLA style guidelines, including a Works Cited page
 - Not use any outside sources
2. Be prepared to submit both of your essays as Word documents to Canvas on the first day of school. They will be checked for plagiarism and any instances (intentional or unintentional) will result in a zero. Keep in mind that these are formal essays. You should use academic language, syntax, and tone; however, you are allowed to use personal pronouns in the response section. Review the [Summer Reading Rubric](#) to guide your writing.