



## Oak Hills High School English IV Expository 2011 Summer Reading Agreement

### *English IV Expository Reading and Writing Summer Assignment*

**Both students and their parents or guardians must read the guidelines for the summer assignment and then sign and return the attached sheet to indicate that the student and parent/guardian understand and have received the summer assignment as follows:**

**All returning students must complete the following summer assignment before the first day of class. New students will be given additional time to complete the tasks.**

#### **1. Students are to read *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley— this is the only assignment due on the first day of school**

- Mary Shelley was born into a socially conscious, literary family, and married one of the most significant poets of the era. This novel was published anonymously in 1818, and has been labeled as gothic, horror, science fiction, and romantic literature. When Shelley finally attached her name to the critically acclaimed novel in 1831, she echoed the curiosity of her readers with, “How I, then a young girl, came to think of, and to dilate upon, so very hideous an idea?”
- Secure a copy of Mary Shelley’s *Frankenstein*. You can purchase an inexpensive copy, check one out from a public library, or read a free etext version. Complete the reading at your own pace over the summer, concentrating on careful thought and analysis, and come to class prepared to produce a piece of literary analysis, based on the text. It is suggested that you take notes as you read, or mark up your personally-owned copy.

#### **2. On-demand writing assignment:**

- Upon returning to school, you will be required to write an essay on *Frankenstein*. You will have 45 minutes to write. A selection from the text will be given to you and you will be required to discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the selection. You will be required to support your position by providing reasons and examples from your own experience, observations, and reading.

#### **3. Students are to complete a fiction Major Works Data Sheet for *Frankenstein***

- As you read, complete a fiction major works data sheet (MWDS is attached) for the novel. The completed reading is due on the first day of school, and the MWDS is **due on the second Monday of the school year.**

#### **4. Students should consult the OHHS English Handbook for questions and assistance:**

- Please go to the school’s website, <http://oakhillsbulldogs.com> and review the English Handbook under Campus → Departments → English.

**Students should come to class fully prepared to take an assessment on the reading.**



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PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THE ATTACHED SHEET TO Mrs. Granger in D-11 **NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MAY 23, 2011.**

The summer assignment cannot be made up after school begins, except in the case of transfer students. The summer assignment will count for the equivalent of one major unit/test/project as part of your fall semester grade. It is the policy of Oak Hills High School's English department that students who do not complete the summer assignment will receive a score of zero (*non-negotiable*) for the assignment and/or may be dropped from the Expository class and moved to a regular College Preparatory class.

[If you are a **transfer student** to OHHS during the summer, submit this sheet to Mrs. Granger's mailbox as soon as possible, but no later than the beginning day of school. Your teacher will work out a reasonable extension of your summer work, depending upon the date of your enrollment at OHHS.]

PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ASSIGNMENTS CAREFULLY, AS THEY CONSTITUTE THE BASIS OF SEVERAL MORE ASSIGNMENTS IN THE FALL SEMESTER.

After reading through this packet, if you have any questions, discuss them with your current English teacher, or see Mrs. Granger in D-11.

### STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

I have read this packet of summer reading assignments and understand the rigorous requirements for this class. I understand that I will be enrolled in a challenging, college-level class that will require consistent study, eager participation, and maturity and ethics commensurate with a college student. I understand that I must secure a copy of the said novel(s) and complete a careful reading prior to the first day of school. I will obtain a copy of the book(s) and complete the assignment(s) in a professional and timely manner.

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Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Student Name

### PARENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

I have read this packet with my son/daughter and understand the requirements for this class. I understand the summer reading requirements and the necessity of acquiring texts in a timely manner, both now and throughout the year. I understand that my student needs to be an avid reader.

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Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Parent Name

**Major Works Data Sheet: Expository Reading and Writing—Fiction**

**Note: Cite references in MLA format, in-text and parenthetically. Complete a Works Cited page of all references used.**

Title: _____ Author: _____ Date of Authoring: _____ Date of Publication: _____ Genre: _____	Biographical information about the author:
Historical information about the period of publication:	Characteristics of the genre:
Describe the author's style:	Give an example that demonstrates this style, and explain how it does so:

Memorable Quotations: You may use additional paper if needed

Quotation, speaker, page number, and "What does it say?"	"What does it mean?" and "What does it Matter"
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

6.

7.

8.

9.

10.

Major Characters

Character's name:	Role (what role does this person have in the story?)	Significance (why is this character significant to the story?)	Character traits (what sort of person is this?)
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			

Describe the setting(s) and the mood the setting(s) create:

What is the significance of the opening scene?

Major symbols, motifs, images:

What is the significance of the ending/closing scene?

Themes:

List researched sources used to compile this document: *Five Minimum in MLA style, you may use an online Works Cited generator (easybib.com) and paste here*  
Works Cited