

10th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

ENGLISH II	ENGLISH II HONORS
Read two (2) short stories from: <i>Edgar Allan Poe: The Fall of the House of Usher and Other Tales</i> by Edgar Allan Poe ISBN: 1975704525	Read two (2) short stories from: <i>Edgar Allan Poe: The Fall of the House of Usher and Other Tales</i> by Edgar Allan Poe ISBN: 1975704525 AND <i>The Catcher in the Rye</i> by J.D. Salinger ISBN: 9780316769488

All students entering their sophomore year (10th grade) at the University School of Jackson must read two of the short stories by Edgar Allan Poe listed below. All of the short stories can be found in *Edgar Allan Poe: The Fall of the House of Usher and Other Tales* (ISBN 1975704525). While reading the short stories students must take note of ten quotes from each that are examples of a literary term/device. The literary terms and their definitions can be found on the website literarydevices.net. The total of twenty quotes (ten quotes per short story) and their corresponding literary term must be hand-written and turned in on the first full day of class for a test grade. Students will also take reading check quizzes over the short stories within the first week of school.

Honors students must do the aforementioned assignments in addition to reading *The Catcher in the Rye* by J. D. Salinger (ISBN 978-0-316-76948-8). While reading the novel students must take note of twenty quotes that are examples of a literary term. The same website should be utilized for the literary terms and definitions. The twenty quotes must be hand-written and turned in upon the first full day of class for a test grade. Honors students will also take a reading check quiz over the novel within the first week of school.

List of Short Stories (Read 2)

“The Tell-Tale Heart”
“The Black Cat”
“The Cask of Amontillado”
“The Fall of the House of Usher”
“The Masque of the Red Death”
“The Pit and the Pendulum”

EXAMPLES

1. Personification

"At the door, we saw fire spewing from Miss Maudie's diningroom windows. As if to confirm what we saw, the town siren wailed up the scale of a treble pitch and remained there, screaming."

2. Imagery

"It was Sunday afternoon. The resting horses nibbled the remaining wisps of hay, and they stamped their feet and they bit the wood of the mangers and rattled the halter chains. The afternoon sun sliced through the cracks of the barn walls and lay in bright lines on the hay. There was the buzz of flies in the air, the lazy afternoon humming."

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