

HONORS BRITISH LITERATURE & COMPOSITION

PRE-COURSE READING: 2023-2024

Why Pre-Course Reading? The North Cobb High School English Department knows that pre-course reading helps you expand your vocabulary, spelling, and writing skills, as well as gain new perspectives on life situations. Research is clear: The more reading you do, the more information you gain, and the better your reading skills will become. Reading is also an effective means of preparing for standardized tests such as the SAT, ACT, and AP exams.

What do I read? Please select **one** of the following books to read over the summer.

Book Title and Author	Description
<i>Lord of the Flies</i> by William Golding	A group of private school 13-year-old boys are stranded on a desert island without adults and must survive on their own.
<i>The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society</i> by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows	An author writes to a person on Guernsey Island about life on the island during the Nazi occupation.
<i>The A.B.C. Murders</i> by Agatha Christie	Hercule Poirot, the famous detective, must solve the killer of the murders that started with A in the alphabet.

Important Note for Parents/Guardians: Please research accordingly before your student selects their book. You may wish to use resources such as Good Reads Reviews and Common Sense Media to ensure that you and your student are comfortable with the material in this book.

What do I do? Read attentively and enjoy your book! Annotating is **recommended** but will **not** be required as a grade. However, after the first week of the semester, you will have an assessment requiring your knowledge of this book.

Tips for Annotation: If you own the book, write in it. If you borrow the book, use sticky notes (make sure you keep track of page numbers). As you read, use annotations to identify and label examples of the following:

- **Themes**
- **Characterization**
- **Symbolism**
- **Questions**