



TRINITY
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
A Classical and Christian Academy

Rising Tenth Grade Summer Reading

Assignment: This year, **you have a choice** between two books for summer reading! I will be giving you a short essay assignment in the first three weeks of school to be written on the book you read. I am not giving you the prompt beforehand because I really want you to read and interact with the book. **Warning: if you decide to read summaries instead of reading the actual book, you will not have enough time to prepare for the essay and will do poorly.**

PICK ONE:

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

I am not picky about which edition, just please do not read an abridged version. While it is not a difficult read, I think watching the movie before reading the book is fun and will aid in your understanding! This is NOT just a girl's book. Many men have loved it.

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

You should read Mary Shelley's unabridged *Frankenstein*. There are two significantly different versions of this novel. Be sure that you read a version based on the 1818 text. One version we recommend is ISBN-13: 978-1530278442. I wish I knew of a movie that was faithful to the text and appropriate, but alas, I don't.

These are very different books – one is a Cinderella story of sorts (IF Cinderella was disposed to greatly dislike the prince at first because she thinks he's arrogant and rude!) The other is a dark tale of a man's obsession with creating and controlling life. No matter what the book, the assignment is the same. **In a reading journal, complete the following and bring it to class on the first day.**

1. Keep a character list as you go. This should be done on the FIRST TWO pages of your journal. Make sure you note who they are, not just their names.
2. Read each chapter. Note the main event of each chapter in a 1-2 sentence summary under a clear chapter heading.
3. After reading each chapter, make notes on interesting passages, questions you have, etc. **You must have at least 2 annotations per chapter.**
4. Re-read summaries, correct and add details if they are not a good outline of the story.
5. Answer the following questions after all of the chapter summaries and notes:
 1. Who is the central character in this book?
 2. What is the book's most important event?

I like an A5, Kraft paper journal (8x5) for this, but you may use a notebook!

There is no other assignment. Enjoy your summer and your reading! 😊 If you have questions, you may email Mrs. Webb at lwebb@tcsopelika.org.