



## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Summer Reading

**Students are to complete reading assignments that are due the first day of class. These assignments are located in [commonlit.org](http://commonlit.org)**

**To access the assignments, go to the site ([commonlit.org](http://commonlit.org)) and create an account using your school email. Once you have logged in, use the code: B25AEQVU to add the class. You will then see 20 short stories. You must select 10 to read and then complete the questions. Please feel free to read more than 10.**

These stories have elements that will prepare you not only for the rigors of freshman honors, but also ensuing advanced classes. Concepts of plot, theme, irony, summarizing, setting, symbolism, tone, details, and the impact of choices will be covered.

Do not merely read to check off a list. If you are not prepared to do this, advanced classes may not be the right choice. Becoming a better reader requires practice. This foundation will prepare you for further advanced classes as well as the ACT – all of which are based on being a strong reader.

These stories will have questions as you read for you to check your understanding, as well as questions at the end to test your knowledge of the material. These are in multiple choice or short answer formats. Be prepared to discuss these in class as well as utilize what you have learned through the stories in your writings throughout the semester. These readings range in their lexile (reading difficulty) and grade level. Do not simply select the ‘easiest’. Find ways to increase your reading ability.

**\*\* Any questions or concerns should be addressed in email to:**

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**Please allow 48 hours to reply**