

F.A.Q.

Are book assignments based on last year's grade level, or next year's grade level?

The assignment is considered part of the upcoming school year – the grade you are entering.

Why are there two or three books listed for my grade?

*Students should choose one** of the selections. **AP students need to read both.*

What if I have already read one of the books?

Students should choose a book they have not read before. If you have read all books selected for your grade, contact the school. We will find another option for you.

Can I just start reading the book and deal with the study guide and reading log later?

No, because you will need to read the study guide to learn introductory information and background necessary to best understand the novel. Also, you will need to record your reading on the log each day that you read.

Could I just read the summaries or watch the movie?

No. Although some materials – summaries, character sketches, online essays, or film adaptations– are helpful, they should not take the place of actually reading the book. Even if you get an audio book, you should follow along in the text itself.

How do I fill out the reading log?

*Be sure to download the reading log **before** you start reading the book. Fold the study guide in thirds (as you would to mail it in an envelope). Use that as a bookmark.*

*Before you begin the book, read the introductory remarks. Consider the questions listed on the study guide **as you read**. After you have read each paragraph and/or answered each question, put a check in the blank to the left.*

Each time you read, use the chart on the left of the log to record the date on which you read and the page on which you quit reading.

Signing the log should be last since the signature indicates that the other information is truthful.

Do I have to write out the answers to the questions and turn them in?

No. You may think about the answer to the questions. You may also choose to get together with other students and discuss the answers. You may want to make it a family project so parents and students can discuss the questions together.

Isn't that ultimately leaving it up to the "honor system"?

Yes. We expect students and their parents to be accurate and honest in completing the study guide and reading log. We at PCS all agree that character is more important than academics. However, the best choice is to complete the assignment as directed—then it won't come down to choosing one over the other.

When should this work be completed?

You should have the book read, your reading logged, your questions answered, and everything vouched for through the signatures before school begins on August 21. Logs will be collected on Wednesday, August 23 (August 25 for seniors).

Does this assignment count for a grade?

Yes. Completion of reading and study guide questions will be worth about 2% of the first semester grade.

What if I do not finish?

Turn in the record of whatever you have completed. You will be awarded partial credit.