2026 MHS Incoming 11th Grade
Summer Reading Assignment

Visual Instructions

Step 1:	Select any book you'd be interested in reading this summer. Please click HERE for your text options, which are specifically aligned with the specific course for which you are registered next year.
Step 2:	Then, complete THIS book selection form to let us know what you plan to read before the start of the summer. ● *For directions on how to obtain a Malden Public Library e-card, click here. For directions on how to use Hoopla, Libby, or Destiny, click here.*
Step 3:	Read your selected book. We recommend you take notes or mark up the book as you read. ● *It may be helpful to preview the assignment in step 4 before you begin reading.*

Step 4: Complete the assignment outlined below.	
Student Name:	
Book Title and Author:	
Summary: Summarize the book in a short paragraph; these need to be your own words.	
Abstract Idea Identify a primary topic of importance from the reading. (Example: *Isolation*) (For examples of abstract ideas, see the list; you can choose one from that list)	
Theme (Main Idea): What universal message does	

the author seem to be giving about the abstract idea? This is usually a statement or belief about humanity or society. (Avoid mentioning characters or plot. Example: Through *isolation,* one learns to appreciate the blessings and bounty of one's life.)		
Important Quotes: Provide at least five quotes that support the theme you listed. Alternatively, provide at least five quotes that demonstrate the use of literary devices to enhance our understanding.	**Quote:** This should be a short direct quote from the text. (Include page numbers.)	**Commentary:** Explain what this quote shows either about the theme or a literary device.. (Analyze or interpret.)
Thoughts/ Feelings: How do you feel about the book overall? What did it make you think of/question? Did you like it? Dislike it? Why? (This should be answered in 1-2 paragraphs.)		