

**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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>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.</i>
Step 3:	Read your selected book. We recommend you take notes or mark up the book as you read. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>It may be helpful to preview the assignment in step 4 before you begin reading.</i>

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: <i>Isolation</i>) (For examples of abstract ideas, see the list ; you can choose one from that list)	
Theme (Main Idea): What universal message does	

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