

MAST @ FIU

Biscayne Bay Campus

SUMMER ASSIGNMENT FOR HONORS ENGLISH 4

Overview

Miami-Dade County Public Schools recognizes the importance of ensuring that students continue to strengthen reading skills and develop a passion for reading beyond instructional requirements. Experience and current research support the idea that students who are actively engaged in reading throughout the summer demonstrate improved academic performance during the following school year. Cultivating pleasurable reading helps build reading skills and enriches students' knowledge base. In addition, increased independent summer reading of both literary and non-fiction text helps prepare students to be successful in meeting more rigorous academic standards as schools transition to Language Arts Florida Standards.

Summer reading provides students with an opportunity for recreational reading, personal exploration, and continued intellectual growth. It serves as an essential component of the instructional process in schools. As stated above, research has shown that students who engage in reading throughout the summer improve academically during the following school year. However, school summer reading plans are not intended to be excessive or curtail students' participation in recreational and/or family activities.

Required Reading

The Importance of Being Earnest by: Oscar Wilde
ISBN: 978-0486264783

Assignment

ACTIVITY #1

Pretend you are a set designer designing a modern day morning-room. Morning-rooms during the Victorian era were the rooms in upper class homes that got the most morning light, with a place to sit to read the paper and drink tea. First, draw a sketch of what a morning-room in your own home would realistically look like. Think about all of the furniture in the room and where it would go. Think about anything else that belongs in the room.

Next, imagine you are a member of the Aesthetic movement. Draw and color a fully designed rendering of your morning-room inspired by an Aesthetic approach. Which details would you add or change to bring out the room's beauty? Focus your design on discovering the room's decadent beauty and style rather than its usefulness.

ACTIVITY #2

Oscar Wilde became his own work of art. Consider what you wore today. What do you think the clothing you wear says about you? Write a couple of sentences describing your clothing and how they reflect your personality. Pretend you are an Aesthetic artist. Your job is to find and highlight beauty in everything. What would you wear on a daily basis? Draw a picture, write a few sentences.