

Bryan Collegiate High School

Sophomore Summer Reading 2023

Get excited for your second year at Collegiate! Your English teachers have selected several dystopian books for your summer reading that will tantalize, challenge, and engross you.

You will read one book from the list below and complete the assignment detailed on the Summer Reading Choice Board (attached).

- Everyone **MUST DO** the Analysis of Theme Journal
- Choose **ONE** of the remaining 3 choice activities: Soundtrack, Current Event Comparison, or Newspaper.

Books from the list below have been recommended because of their connection to what we will study next year. The summer reading assignment counts as a major grade for the first grading period of Fall 2023. To start off on the right foot, be sure to have this assignment completed before school starts.

If you would like extra credit, you may choose a second book from the list and complete the assignment with an additional novel.

NOTE: GRADING Your assignment will be assessed on the following:

Analysis of Theme Journal 50%

- Do you identify specific quotes/details that are relevant to the idea of power?
- Does the theme (message) you identify connect to the evidence?
- Does your commentary explain your thinking or merely restate the quote?

Choice Activities 50%

- Did you follow directions for your activity of choice?
- Does your work reflect a deep understanding of the text?
- Does your work rely on your own original thinking?

NOTE: Plagiarism or Academic Dishonesty (copying someone else's words or ideas) will result in a zero and a referral. Start the year off right and do your own work!

****Collegiate will not be able to provide the following books; you are responsible for securing a copy. Copies should be available at Half Price Books, Amazon.com, and hpbmarketplace.com.****

Book List

1984 by George Orwell (1090L) - The story takes place in an imagined future, the year 1984, when much of the world has fallen victim to perpetual war, omnipresent government surveillance, historical negationism, and propaganda. Great Britain, known as Airstrip One, has become a province of a totalitarian superstate named Oceania that is ruled by the Party who employ the Thought Police to persecute individuality and independent thinking. Big Brother, the leader of the Party, enjoys an intense cult of personality despite the fact that he may not even exist.

Animal Farm by George Orwell (940L) - A farm is taken over by its overworked, mistreated animals. With flaming idealism and stirring slogans, they set out to create a paradise of progress, justice, and equality. Thus the stage is set for one of the most telling satiric fables ever penned –a razor-edged fairy tale for grown-ups that records the evolution from revolution against tyranny to a totalitarianism just as terrible.

Anthem by Ayn Rand (880L) - A youth named Equality 7-2521, who has found a hidden tunnel and hides in it to write, knows his solitude violates all the laws of his society. Even though he does not feel guilt for his actions, he begs the forgiveness of the ruling Council. As he spends more time alone, he realizes that solitude suits him, and he begins to crave more and more time by himself. He tried to conform to the standard the others set, but no matter how hard he tried, he was smarter and quicker than they were.

City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau (680L) - Many hundreds of years ago, the city of Ember was created by the Builders to contain everything needed for human survival. It worked...but now the storerooms are almost out of food, crops are blighted, corruption is spreading through the city and worst of all—the lights are failing. Soon Ember could be engulfed by darkness...

Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card (780L) - Andrew "Ender" Wiggin thinks he is playing computer simulated war games; he is, in fact, engaged in something far more desperate. The result of genetic experimentation, Ender may be the military genius Earth desperately needs in a war against an alien enemy seeking to destroy all human life. The only way to find out is to throw Ender into ever harsher training, to chip away and find the diamond inside, or destroy him utterly. Ender Wiggin is six years old when it begins. He will grow up fast.

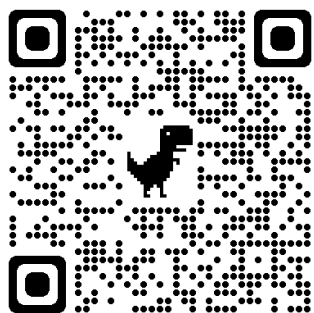
The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood (750L) - Offred is a Handmaid in the Republic of Gilead. She may leave the home of the Commander and his wife once a day to walk to food markets whose signs are now pictures instead of words because women are no longer allowed to read. Offred can remember the years before, when she lived and made love with her husband, Luke; when she played with and protected her daughter; when she had a job, money of her own, and access to knowledge. But all of that is gone now.

Have a different book in mind? Email Mrs. Reed at rebekah.reed@bryanisd.org or Ms. Kirk at annette.kirk@bryanisd.org for approval!

Summer Reading Assignment Instructions

Where to Begin

- Step 1: Choose your book carefully from Page 2.
- Step 2: Read the activity instructions to plan your annotations as you read.
- Step 3: READ the book! As you read, annotate the themes, truths, and messages the author is trying to communicate. Record your observations and inferences on the Analysis of Theme Journal.
- Step 4: Choose one project to submit for the Summer Reading Assignment.



Part I: Theme Journal

Analysis of Theme Journal

Everyone must complete this activity!

← Scan the QR code, or use the link below, for full instructions, examples, notes, and a formatting example for the Analysis of Theme Journal.

bisd.link/BCHS23SummerReading

Part II: Choice Project

- Select ONE of the activities on Page 4 to complete. You may choose to create a soundtrack, research related current events, or create a newspaper inspired by your book.

How to Submit

- Option 1: Submit both parts together on paper. Clearly label Part I and Part II.
- Option 2: Submit both parts together in a Google Doc or Slide deck. Clearly label Part I and Part II.

Due: August 18th, 2023

CHOICE PROJECT INSTRUCTIONS

1

Sound Track

A famous producer wants to make a movie of the book you chose for the summer reading assignment- and every good movie needs a soundtrack of songs that relate to themes, characters, or events!

Create a soundtrack of 5 songs for your book.

- At least 3 of the songs should relate to themes found in the book.
- Songs may relate to traits of major characters
- Songs may relate to tone or mood of particular scenes
- No more than 1 song can be instrumental; that is, a song without lyrics.

For each song, include:

- The title and artists (singer, songwriter, lyricist, etc.)
- A link to the song/lyrics, if available
- A paragraph that...
 1. States the theme, trait, tone, or mood that relates to your book
 2. Analyzes the connection between your book and the song: What about that particular song caused you to see a connection to your book? How does the song relate to the theme (trait, tone, or mood) identified? How are the ideas in the song similar or different from your book?
 3. Employs quotes from the song and the book properly cited in MLA format.

2

Current Events Comparison

Choose a current event (within the past year) to compare and contrast with events and themes in the book you read.

What makes dystopian fiction so fascinating is its eerie connection to modern life. After reading your novel, search for a current event (within the past year) that relates to a theme, character, or event in the novel.

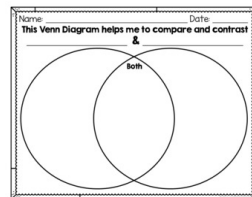
Possible avenues to search:

- Events: wars, genocides, scientific experiments/advancements, pandemics, population control policies, technology failures and/or successes, climate change....
- Characters: world leaders, dissidents, rebels, scientists, religious leaders, journalists, celebrities....
- Thematic ideas: power, corruption, authoritarianism, freedom, censorship...

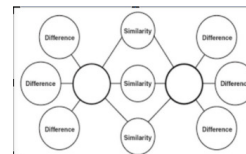
Include in your comparison:

1. A summary and citation for the current event you are comparing. What happened? Where and when did it happen? In what publication did you find this information?
2. A graphic organizer detailing the similarities and differences. Possible graphic organizers below.
3. A paragraph analyzing how the current event connects with the novel.

Venn Diagram



Double Bubble



3

Newspaper

Create a one-page newspaper, either digital or handwritten. Your newspaper should include:

- A news article that reports on a major event (scene) in the novel that affects the balance of power. The news article should give the reader the "who, what, where, when, and why" details.
- A feature story that focuses on a major character. The feature story should include an analysis of the character's main traits and how those traits play a role in the power struggle.
- An editorial that takes a stand on the power dynamic in the novel. What should be done to address the issue in the novel? Who should take the necessary action—a particular character or a group of leaders?

Your articles should include:

1. Complete sentences forming a coherent paragraph
2. Quotes from the novel properly cited using MLA style

LAYOUT: Have fun with the layout of your newspaper. Feel free to add images and color to symbolize themes, characters, or events in the novel. Give your newspaper a name as well as headlines for the articles.

SAMPLE: there are hundreds of examples online!



Analysis of Theme Student Journal

In an Analysis of Theme Journal, you will look for patterns of conflicts, ideas, or symbols that help you determine the universal ideas explored by the author of your book. Complex works, such as novels, contain many themes, universal truths that are experienced by people throughout history. Themes can be revealed through a character's reaction to conflict, to other characters, even to particular settings. What the character (and the reader) learns about human experience may reflect the meaning of the work as a whole.

In this type of journal, you might use direct quotations that reveal important ideas or symbols, but more than likely it will be easier to summarize events that occur in the work and make inferences about how those events and the character's response to those events reveal a deeper meaning, a universal truth.

Use the following process for completing your theme journal:

- Record evidence. You will use quotes from the text or summarize sections of text. **Include page numbers.**
- Make an inference about power, greed, order, chaos, individuality, self-preservation, corruption, or another power-related term (the nature of power, the effects of power on individuals, etc). This statement should be a universal truth.
- Write an explanation that connects the evidence to the theme.

What Theme is...	What theme is NOT...
The central message in a text	NOT a subject
The idea the writer wishes to convey about a subject or topic	NOT a directive or order
General observation concerning the human experience	NOT a cliché, <i>dicho</i> , idiom, or saying
Thematic Statement DOs	Thematic Statement DON'Ts
Includes abstract words (like power) or greater human truths	Do not use pronouns (I, he, she, it, etc) Do not use <i>all</i> , <i>none</i> , <i>always</i> , or other all inclusive words
Written in a complete sentence	Do not refer to specific names or events
Includes a qualifying clause (sometimes, when, unless, because, even so...)	

To write a **THEMATIC STATEMENT** you couple **an abstract idea** with a comment or observation, which addresses human motivation, human ambition, or the human condition.

Abstract Word(s)+	Comment or Observation + (can be proved by the text, in your own words)	Qualifying Clause (When, unless, because, even, so, that, whenever, if, etc.)	= <u>Thematic Statement</u>

Example Thematic Statement - Family allows people to feel protected whenever facing difficulty

Sample Layout for Analysis of Theme Journal

TEXT EVIDENCE Quote or summarize INCLUDE PAGE NUMBERS	THEMATIC STATEMENT What is the universal truth that applies to humans—not just the novel character?	EXPLANATION Connect theme with evidence

This can be recreated on paper, in a Google Doc, or in a Google Slide to submit.