



**The Catholic High School of Baltimore
Summer Reading List**

Teacher's Name: Mrs. Vandergriff

School Year: 2022-2023

Grade Level: 9

Course No.: 111

Course Name: English Composition & Literature

Academic Level (Honors/AP/CP1/CP2/CPA): Honors

Reading:

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

The Color Purple by Alice Walker

The Outsiders Assignment:

1. Personal Essay:

- a. Write an essay explaining which of the two gangs were more of a disgrace and menace to society than the other. Look at how society viewed and treated the two groups. Examine the characteristics of each group, its actions, and the choices they made. Be sure to support your ideas with examples from the novel.

The Color Purple Assignment:

1. Reflective Essay:

- a. Consider the ideal world of family and friends that surrounds Celie at the end of this novel. What are the gender roles in this world like? Do you see any benefits and problems with Walker's vision?



Your essays must be:

- ✓ 1 page typed
- ✓ 12 point and Times New Roman
- ✓ Double-spaced
- ✓ 1" margins
- ✓ Header should be adjusted to the left and include, in this order:

Your Name
Mrs. Vandergriff
Lit/Comp9 - 111
1 September 2022
- ✓ If longer than one page, please staple it in the top left-hand corner
- ✓ Please do not place it in plastic folders of any kind.
- ✓ It is due on the first day of school.

Submission & Assessment

- Your summer reading assignment is due on the first full day of school.
- Make sure you **proofread** your summer reading assignment before turning it in. Grammar, spelling, and punctuation count!
- There will be a **comprehension test** on the summer reading books at the beginning of the school year. You will receive more information about the test during the first week of school.
- Should have any questions, my email is: evandergriff@thecatholichighschool.org

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