

## **11<sup>th</sup> Grade Regular and Honors Summer Reading List 2018-2019**

All 11<sup>th</sup> grade English students at Berean Christian School are expected to complete a summer reading assignment. Reading over the summer will help each student improve vocabulary, comprehension and writing skills that will make all studies more beneficial to academic achievement. Students will be expected to turn in the written work listed below as a hard copy **AND** upload the assignment(s) to turnitin.com, so all work should be saved on a portable flash drive until then. Due dates for all assignments are indicated in the sections listed below.

**Please note: Students enrolled in English III Regular must complete I and II below. Students enrolled in English III Honors must complete I, II, and III below.**

### **I Summer Reading Required Book**

Read the book listed and complete the writing assignment explained below; this writing assignment will be due **Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>** for a quiz grade. **An objective test on the same book will be given in class on Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.**

*Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom

### **II Writing Assignment - (Quiz grade based on *Tuesdays with Morrie*. This assignment is due on Tuesday, August 21, 2018)**

Directions: Please choose **ONE** of the following creative assignments to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of your chosen summer reading book.

1. **News Article** – Write a featured news article of at least 5 paragraphs that addresses something significant about the plot and conflict of your chosen book. Please “report” objective facts as well as “interviewing” a character in order to address perspective and point of view (as you would see in a regular news article).
2. **Sequel** – Write a 1 ½ - 2 page sequel for your chosen book. In other words, from your perspective and understanding of the book, what happens next???
3. **Diary/Journal** – Write at least 5 comprehensive journal entries for one of the characters in your chosen book. Each entry needs to be at least a paragraph long and include information that would entice your reader to want to read the book.

### **III Literary Interpretation - HONORS CLASS (Writing Assignment based on the required book - Daily Grade due on Tuesday, August 21, 2018)**

This is a research based literary analysis of the required reading selection above. **Students will examine various literary criticisms in order to gain a better understanding of Mitch Albom.** As a student observes professional literary critics’ interpretations of an author and his works, the student will develop a greater understanding of the literature.

Directions: Students must use **two** sources. The paper must be in **MLA format** for all aspects (heading, margins, in text citations as they occur, and a works cited page with the correct format). Please consult [www.owlenglishpurdueuniversity.com](http://www.owlenglishpurdueuniversity.com) as a website that will help answer many MLA questions (you may also consult the MLA example sheet included with this Summer Reading Assignment). The paper must be **2-3 pages**. The paper must have a clear **introduction, body, and conclusion** (hint: the body will encompass the research/critic's thought with the student's comments. The conclusion will demonstrate the judgments that are made by the student based on the research). Students should focus on one aspect of the book: relationships, death, disease, etc... and research how a literary critic has commented on this aspect. The student should use quotes from the literary critic(s) and further the consideration by adding their own thoughts and conclusions.

#### PARENTS AND STUDENTS PLEASE NOTE:

- As a Christian, a person may wonder, "Should Christians study the classics of literature?" Christians should be aware that man's writings reflect his inner thoughts. This can be seen throughout a study of literature and the authors' lives. If we look at secular literature (classics) through discerning eyes, our own faith and testimony can be strengthened. The selections chosen for the reading list are either classic in nature or carry strong literary merit. Berean Christian School cannot be responsible for all content in every selection.
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