

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT
English 9: 2009 - 2010

Assigned Works:

Ender's Game, Orson Scott Card
The Old Man and The Sea, Ernest Hemingway
The Giver, Lois Lowry

Welcome to the English program at Mission College Preparatory! An important component of the English program is the Summer Reading Assignment. The four main goals of this assignment are to keep you active in reading, broaden your horizons, challenge your thinking skills, and ease your transition into high school.

The Summer Reading Assignment is a graded assignment. Although we will discuss the readings in class, your knowledge of each work's content will be discerned in two (2) ways: a visual assignment with an accompanying written assignment (below), and an exam administered during the first week of school. Please note: discussion on each novel will take place after the exam, not before. The written and visual assignment is due the day of the exam.

Poster Project:

Please choose one of the above novels to be the subject of a poster.

- Design a poster (size 12 x 18") that depicts an important event / scene (or events / scenes) in the novel. (Please do **NOT** use foam core or super-thick poster board.)
- Select a passage that supports the event that you have chosen to illustrate. Copy the quote (neatly and accurately) onto the front of your poster (it must be visible from a distance). Please edit your work! Spelling and neatness count!

Written Analysis:

- **On the back of your poster**, attach a typed explanation of the significance of the scene, as it relates to the rest of the novel. This is a formal response, and as such should include an introduction with a thesis statement that states the purpose of your scene in relation to the entire novel. Supporting paragraphs should reinforce your thesis. Please use complete sentences and edit your work for grammar, as well as clarity and consistency of thought.

Format: Times New Roman 12 pt. Font, 1" margins (all the way around), double-spaced.

Length: Approximately one page.

The Novel Experience, located at 779 Higuera Street in San Luis Obispo, offers a 10% discount to MCP students. Happy Reading!