

LMHS Honors English 11
Summer Reading Assignment

Students and Parents:

Welcome to Honors English 11! “This is an accelerated and in-depth course with an emphasis on American literature. Students will read various texts, utilize the writing process, write for different purposes, research self-selected or assigned topics, and continue to use effective communication techniques. A study of American literature from a variety of authors provides the basis for all reading and writing assignments” (Little Miami High School Course Selection Guide). You will be studying American literature from the arrival of the Pilgrims to today. To prepare for an extensive curriculum in American literature that will help you establish a broad literary foundation and exercise independent reading and thinking skills, you are required to complete a summer reading assignment. These works include thematic topics and stylistic choices that will be analyzed throughout the year.

Having your own copy of the novels allows you to annotate as you read, and annotations help you reference important passages when it comes time for class discussions. **All assignments must be completed by the first day of school.**

Required Texts:

* *Ethan Frome*- Edith Wharton, 1911

* *Passing*- Nella Larsen, 1929

Required Assignments:

1. Visit <https://www.remind.com/join/22gge6> to receive class updates and notifications throughout the year. Detailed instructions are on the back. **Sign up BY the first day of school, August 12!**

2. As you read *Ethan Frome* and *Passing*, annotate anything you think is important and/or relevant. Focus on literary elements and techniques, character development, symbols, themes, and the authors’ stylistic choices. It is also crucial to annotate passages that personally resonate with you. Do not simply highlight passages; instead, include thoughtful comments and analyses with your highlighted passages. **Your annotations are graded on the first day of school, so remember to bring your novels. This is one of the first grades of the year.** There is also a quiz over each summer reading book in the first week of school.

Critically analyzing (close reading) a text can be intellectually arduous, so I encourage you to read and annotate throughout the summer, rather than waiting a few days before school starts. Your work should always reflect careful reading and insight. I cannot wait to get to know each of you as a student, reader, and critical thinker!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Madden



Sign up for important updates from Mrs. Madden.

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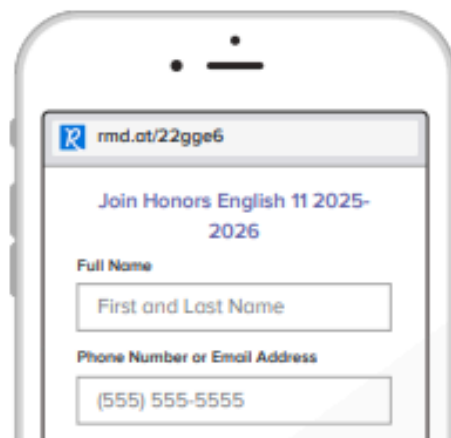
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A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/22gge6

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



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