



Welcome to CP Brit Literature!

Reading is one of the best things you can do to prepare yourself for the challenges of the upcoming school year and beyond. Now more than ever, it is important to sharpen your critical reading skills, expand your vocabulary, enhance your focus, and ignite your imagination - all in the comfort of your own home!

This summer, rising Brit Lit CP students are expected to dive into two books:

Essential Reading *Grendel* by John Gardner: [Amazon link here](#)

- [Pre-Reading Questions](#)
- [Guided Reading Questions](#)

It is crucial that you READ; please refrain from listening to the audiobook or watching the film, as it undermines the experience. I have prepared a packet for you to guide your reading (see link above). This packet is intended for you to tackle independently or alongside your parents. I wholeheartedly encourage you and your parents to embark on this adventure together! Please refrain from using AI or copying others' work in your answers. For your convenience, I've included the FBS English Department's policy regarding AI and plagiarism- attached here. Any responses that are duplicated from fellow students will result in an automatic "F" for all related assignments to the packet.

It's essential to maintain a working Google document with your both your pre-reading and your guided reading responses as you will submit them to Google Classroom on the first day of class- no exceptions. 10 points for everyday late.

The first week of classes there will be a vocabulary test based on the terms in the packet (hint: consider creating a Quizlet for these terms as you progress through the packet!). The vocabulary will prove invaluable for as your SAT exams. Secondly, we will engage in a Socratic seminar where we will take a deep dive into the novel and your responses.

For your second summer reading choice, you have two lists from which to select. Firstly, there's a curated collection of the 15 most commonly referenced books on the AP Exam spanning from 1970 to 2025, which you can [find here](#). Secondly, a selection of suggested Young Adult readings [listed here](#). This website has a number of suggestions, feel free to explore. There's no specific assignment for this reading; simply immerse yourself in the narrative and prepare to share your thoughts during discussions at the start of the new school year. Keeping a journal of your reading experiences could enhance your engagement and improve your writing skills!

Please do not wait until the last minute to start reading. The packet is comprehensive and will take time to complete. Have a great summer and feel free to reach out with any questions.

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