



BRENTWOOD ACADEMY

Summer Reading List 2024: 11th Grade British Literature and Composition (Standard)

"Reading maketh a full man, conference a ready man, and writing an exact man."
-Francis Bacon

A Rationale for Summer Reading

- To generate interest and pleasure in reading that enriches literary and philosophical experience
- To use time not available during the school year to read classics that expand cultural literacy
- To prepare for thoughtful discussion and writing beginning the first day of class
- To encourage a lifelong love of reading

Required Texts *Note: It is important that you purchase the edition indicated by the ISBN.*

• *Grendel* John Gardner ISBN 978-0679723110
The first and most terrifying monster in English literature, from the great early epic Beowulf, tells his own side of the story. This story follows the monster Grendel as he learns about humans and fights the war at the center of the Anglo Saxon classic epic.

• *Atomic Habits* James Clear ISBN 978-0-7352-1129-2
If you are having trouble changing your habits, the problem isn't you. The problem is your system. You do not rise to the level of your goals, you fall to the level of your systems. In *Atomic Habits*, you'll get a plan that can take you to new heights.

Required Text General Instruction/Evaluation

Student assessment will include a test, journal entries, an essay, and seminars during the first weeks of the school year.

***Please remember the BA English Department policy:
Do not consult internet novel guides, any other electronic or printed summaries, or movies;
read the texts themselves.***