

Summer Reading for American Literature | 2019 – 2020

All incoming 11th grade students are to complete the following assignment. When, or if, an Honors section becomes a reality, an assignment for that will be forwarded home.

1. Please read both the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution, including the Articles and the Amendments. As you read, please take detailed, general notes, as well as notes on elements from both documents that you feel are important. Separate lists are a good idea here. Organize your work so that you, and I, can follow it.

2. Read *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave, Written by Himself*. After you have read this, please type a paper which responds to this narrative. Your response should discuss your personal reactions to the text: the parts that stand out, why they stand out, the impacts this narrative could have on current readers, and the like. This should be at least two pages typed, double-spaced, with 12 point Times New Roman font. Cite the text. This will be the first Paper grade for Quarter 1.

Both of these assignments will be due on 3 September 2019. Please feel free to contact me over the summer at rlindberg@cityschool.org with any questions. Do your best, and be detailed.