

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading  
2024-2025 Guidelines**

I look forward to teaching 9<sup>th</sup> grade English this coming school year. Please be sure to read the required reading and complete the follow-up assignment (see below). Doing so will make the English class that much more interesting as there can then be active discussion of the book. Feel free to email me over the summer with any questions: [mvanderpool@favikings.org](mailto:mvanderpool@favikings.org)

**REQUIRED SUMMER READING:**

- *The Hound of the Baskervilles*
  - In this popular Sherlock Holmes story, Sir Arthur Conon Doyle captivates the reader with an eerie tale involving a vicious hound, the haunting moors of London, and the masterful investigation by Holmes and Watson, who discover that nothing is quite as it seems.
  - You can purchase the book via Amazon.com: <https://a.co/d/1WC8WIK>.
- Please purchase the book listed above as this will allow for a better flow of classroom discussion since all students will be on the same page--literally and figuratively.
- Feel free to purchase a used version of the Amazon book.

**REQUIRED READING ASSIGNMENT:**

- After reading *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, each student will create a test.
- This test should include the following:
  - 10 T/F questions about a character or event in the story.
  - 10 multiple choice questions about any aspect of the book: plot, setting, characters, conflict, and theme.
  - 10 matching questions--matching each character with his/her description.
  - a separate key with all the correct answers.
- Format the test accordingly:
  - You may type the test and key or write out each by hand.
  - Be sure each section is clearly labeled: True/False, Multiple Choice, and Matching.
  - Include clear directions for each section such as the following:
    - Mark T for all true statements and F for all false ones.
- All students will turn in their ORIGINAL tests the first full day of school.
- All students will receive a grade for this assignment.