

**Summer Reading Assignment**  
**British Literature**  
**11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Book 1:**

*The Hound of the Baskervilles*, by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

A classic Sherlock Holmes mystery about a legendary hound that haunts the moors of England.

**Book 2:**

*The Screwtape Letters*, by C.S. Lewis

Senior devil Uncle Screwtape offers Wormwood, a junior devil, advice on winning mortals over to Satan. A thought-provoking book about the subtleties of temptation and sin.

**Written work:** You must have this on the first day of school. It will be evaluated for meeting of requirements, and the demonstration of thought and effort.

- A. For *Screwtape Letters*, keep a **reading journal**. The very nature of this book is thought-provoking, and will elicit some strong emotional responses. This can be handwritten, but must be legible.

**Number of entries**-approximately one for every chapter; about ½ page minimum (handwritten)

**More information**

- This is a test grade- fill it with as many “deep thoughts”, reactions, and connections to real life as possible!
- Do not worry about spelling, etc. I will only take off points for this if errors make it difficult for me to understand.
- Express your ideas completely, with detail and explanation. If a passage reminds you of a conversation you had with your pastor, summarize the conversation; if it reminds you of your relationship with your brother, describe that relationship.

**Suggestions**

- Use a particular passage from the book, and make observations about the writer’s craft; descriptions, symbolism, metaphors, etc.
  - Connect it to something you’ve learned in a prior class.
  - Write about the feelings you get when you read a passage.
  - What would you say to a character if you could?
- B. For *Hound of the Baskervilles*, keep a running list of observations about Holmes’ character, and how each trait is revealed. We will use this to write an essay comparing him to the current Sherlock Holmes movie character.

**Example:**

Pg 78-Holmes is highly observant; he notices that the suspect’s sleeve was worn, and that it indicated that he wrote for long periods of time.

**Book 3:**

This is a book of your choice. Please make it appropriate to your grade level. No written work is required during the summer, but please bring the book with you the first day of school, as you will need it for assessment related activities.

