

SOPHOMORE HONORS ENGLISH SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS

ASSIGNMENT I

HOW TO READ A BOOK

BY MORTIMER J. ADLER AND CHARLES VAN DOREN

The subtitle of this book reads: “The Classic Guide to Intelligent Reading.” *Intelligent* reading is the key to reading with understanding. For the high school sophomore, reading will become increasingly demanding over the next few years. This book provides the reader with a framework for approaching different kinds of books—novels, plays, poetry, history, biography, philosophy, and more (even mathematics). Advanced reading requires advanced skills, and this book explains how to acquire them.

Instructions: After reading each chapter (there are 21), write a neat and thorough summary of that chapter, about a handwritten page in length.

Due in WCS office by Thursday, June 29

ASSIGNMENT II

A GOOD MAN IS HARD TO FIND

BY FLANNERY O’CONNOR

This collection of short stories established Flannery O’Connor as a leading Southern writer. Her “southern gothic” stories generally deliver a profoundly Christian theme—grace, although in unexpected ways.

The assignment is to read each of the ten short stories, then for each story write a paragraph of character analysis for each major character and a couple of paragraphs of plot synopsis. Finally, state what you believe is the theme of the story along with any textual support you can supply.

Due in WCS office by Thursday, August 10

Both assignments are to be neatly handwritten.

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