

## Summer Reading Assignment for Rising 12th Grade Students



### Summer Reading for English IV

Students who are registered for English 12 will read the play *A Doll's House* by Ibsen. In the central character of Nora, Ibsen epitomized the human struggle against the humiliating constraints of social conformity. Nora's ultimate rejection of a smothering marriage and life in "a doll's house" shocked theatergoers of the late 1800s and opened new horizons for playwrights and their audiences. An online version of this play can be found on Project Gutenberg at <https://www.gutenberg.org/files/2542/2542-h/2542-h.htm> Students will be assessed on the material with a quiz when they return to school; the reading is due by Friday, August 7, 2020.

### Summer Reading Assignment for AP English Literature and Composition

Students registered for AP English Literature and Composition will read *Jane Eyre* and *The Importance of being Earnest*. *Jane Eyre* is a novel of intense power and intrigue; *Jane Eyre* has dazzled generations of readers with its depiction of a woman's quest for freedom. You can download an ebook of *Jane Eyre* via Project Gutenberg: <https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/1260>.

*The Importance of Being Earnest* is the story of two bachelors who create alter egos named Ernest to escape their tiresome lives. They attempt to romance two women who, conveniently, claim to only love men called Ernest. You can download an ebook of *The Importance of Being Earnest* via Project Gutenberg: <https://www.gutenberg.org/files/844/844-h/844-h.htm>

Students are expected to have a deep understanding of the novels; annotating the text is encouraged. Annotating is any action that "deliberately interacts with a text to enhance the reader's understanding of, recall of, and reaction to the text." Students should ask questions, make comments, mark powerful words and phrases, and generally read actively. Students will also be assessed on the material with a quiz when they return to school; the reading is due by Friday, August 7, 2020. Students may want to purchase their own copy of the works so they can annotate them. Students may also borrow a copy by stopping by Tennessee High School's front office. They will need their lunch number to check out a copy.