

**Required Summer Reading
Assignment for 9th Grade
Literature and Composition**

Students are to read each of these novels:

- *The Good Earth*, by Pearl S. Buck
- *The Secret Life of Bees*. By Sue Monk Kidd
- *Lord of the Flies*, by William Golding
- *Animal Farm*, by George Orwell

For each work read, students will divide the novel into four sections. Students will write a letter corresponding to each section. The letter may be to one character as he or she progresses throughout the book or to different characters. The letters should discuss events occurring in each section. How the letters are comprised is at the student's discretion, but some suggestions are: offer advice to the characters; comment on the action, possibly trying to anticipate what may come in a future section; or compare the events in the work to events in the student's own life. The letters should reflect that the students have, in fact, read the book. Each work will have 4 accompanying letters for a total of 16 letters.

Students should bind the letters together in a flat 3-prog portfolio folder. The letters will be collected on the first day of class. In addition, students will be tested on their summer readings the first week of school.

Each letter is to be typed using 12-point font, with standard one inch margins or hand-written in blue or black ink on college-ruled notebook paper. Each letter should be labeled with the student's name, title of novel, and date completed. Letters should be limited to one page.

If you have questions or concerns, contact the 9th Grade Composition and Literature teacher, Ms. Sally Stephens, by e-mail at: sarah.stephens@sccpss.com



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