

Dear Ninth Grade Students and Parents:

Welcome to Ninth Grade English! This summer you will be required to read two books to fulfil your summer reading obligation. **Students entering 9th grade must complete, by the first day of school, the required book and one book of their choosing.** The specific guidelines for students entering 9th grade are outlined below:

1. Read the required 9th grade book, *Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. This book will be discussed in the fall.
2. ***In addition to the required book***, read **one book of your choice**. Complete reading it by the first day of school. The Summer Reading List for 9th Grade provides numerous recommended titles. The recommended reading list will be attached to this letter. Complete the written assignment for *Screwtape Letters* only.
3. Complete the contract indicating that you read the required book and one other selection. ***Both student and parent must sign the contract.*** By signing the contract, parents are approving their child's selection for the books of their choice.
4. **Turn in the contract and the written assignment on the first day of school.** The written assignment will be graded for neatness and accuracy. **There will be a 10% grade reduction in the grade for each day the assignment is late.** A major test over *Screwtape Letters* will be given on the 2nd day of school; therefore, we suggest that you wait until closer to the start of the year to read the required book and complete the written assignment.

If you have any questions, please email Ms. Dillon at kdillon@ccgvca.org during the summer. Have a safe and happy summer and enjoy your summer reading.

Sincerely,

Kathleen M. Dillon

High School English Department



2022 Summer Reading Program Contract

NAME: _____

GRADE ENTERING IN THE FALL:

Summer Reading REQUIRED Novel:

Title: *Screwtape Letters*

Author: C.S. Lewis

Summer Reading Selections:

(ONE REQUIRED -- See Summer Reading List for suggestions)

Title: _____

Author: _____

HONOR PLEDGE:

I pledge my honor that I have completed a thorough reading of the above listed novels by the due date of the first day of school.

SIGNED (student) _____ Date _____

NAME (please print) _____

SIGNED (parent) _____

Summer Reading Assignment for 9th Grade English

Ms. Dillon

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Directions: You will complete all the following assignments. This assignment will be due on the first day of school. Assignments must be typed and double spaced. Please check your spelling and grammar as these will be counted as part of your grade. There will be a test on the book on the second day of school.

1. Choose any of the letters in the book and write the letter from Wormwood that Screwtape is responding to. You will be able to be creative since we do not know what Wormwood said to Screwtape, but you will have to make sure that it includes the components that Screwtape makes references to and that it is written with certain topics and questions that make Screwtape's reply appropriate. Label which of Screwtape's letters your letter from Wormwood comes before and make sure you include at least five paragraphs.
2. What in these letters has struck you personally as something you need to evaluate in your own life? Did Screwtape's description of exploiting laughter hit home with your life? Did his instructions about fears of and hopes for the future remind you of yourself? Did his description of the troughs sound like something you have been experiencing? Did the letter on wearing masks to blend in with various crowds convict you? Maybe it was one, several, all, or none of these. In writing this essay, you need to select any part of the letters that you can personally relate to and discuss its significance in your life. This essay must include at least five paragraphs.
3. Choose three quotes from your reading that you will be prepared to discuss on the first day of school. Please write down the quote, the page number where it was found, and some brief notes for your discussion. Be prepared to discuss the significance of each quote and why it made your top three.