

**SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT**  
**IB LITERATURE, HL year 2**

**Assigned Works**

**Prose Non-Fiction:**

***A Room of One's Own* by Virginia Woolf**  
(no recommended edition)

**Prose Fiction Novel:**

***The Parable of the Sower* by Octavia Butler,**  
(Recommended edition: ISBN: 978-1-60980-719-1)

NOTE: Use of study aides (Spark Notes, LitNotes, Schmoop, Book Rags, etc.) cannot replace careful reading of the works. Study guides can be inaccurate or focus on ideas different from those we will discuss.

**For Both Works:**

1. As you read the works, you should take notes and/or annotate your text to prepare for detailed class discussion. A reading quiz on the first day of class is possible. You can expect that a paper or test about the works will be assigned.
2. Keep a list of new/unfamiliar words discovered as you read; you must have at least 10 and should reflect the full reading of the text. (In other words, don't take all of your new words from the first chapter.) For each word, record the sentence in which the word appears, with citation noting chapter and page number, and a definition that notes the part of speech as the word is used in the sentence and meaning. Your list can include names of people/places mentioned that are referenced in the work. Your word list should look like this:

1. Word	Citation (Author chapter:page#)
Quote	
Def	(part of speech) definition

3. Identify a theme or idea that interests you and is explored in the work; the theme should align with one of the IB Global Issues categories:
  - a. Culture, Identity, and Community
  - b. Beliefs, Values, and Education
  - c. Politics, Power, and Justice
  - d. Art, Creativity, and Imagination
  - e. Science, Technology, and Environment

**NOTE:** You need not (should not) explore the same theme/idea/global issue for both works; however, you can examine similar issues within one of the GI categories.

4. Select three quotes within the work (from the beginning, middle, and end of the work) that connect to your identified theme/idea/global issue. Briefly explain

how the quotation contributes to the development of the theme/idea/global issue.  
Create a chart like the one below:

Global Issue:		
Quote 1: (citation)	Quote:	Explanation:
Quote 2: (citation)	Quote:	Explanation:
Quote 3: (citation)	Quote:	Explanation:

### **For *The Parable of the Sower* by Octavia Butler**

Search for a scholarly article\* on your Global Issue; read the article and write a brief summary of the ideas presented in the article (1 paragraph) and a brief explanation of the connection of ideas in the article with the novel; this document should not exceed two pages typed in MLA format. Be sure to include a bibliographic citation for the article and a link to the source at the top of the page, where the title would be.

**\*What is a “scholarly article” you ask?** A scholarly article...

- has a named author (or authors) who is demonstrably an expert in the field; look for academic credentials and/or association with university or professional organizations – you may need to look them up to ensure they are credentialed
- shows evidence of research on the topic (citations, bibliography, quotations from other experts in the field)
- is published in or by a reputable organization (*New York Times?* *The Atlantic?* - YES! *Wordpress Blog?* – NO! *University Publishers?* - YES! *Self Published?* - NO! )
- formulates its conclusion based on research, facts, and evidence; not just an opinion piece

You may access scholarly articles through the many on-line library databases available to you through the Beaumont KLMC website. It is unlikely that you will be able to find a suitable article through a basic Google Search.

Your word lists, selected quotes, and article summary are due on the first day of class (August 18/19); please bring printed copies with you. You will also be expected to submit your article summary to Turn It In.

**DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE END OF THE SUMMER TO COMPLETE THESE ASSIGNMENTS. YOU ARE A SENIOR IN AN IB CLASS. BE SURE YOUR WORK ETHIC REFLECTS YOUR STATUS.**