



# OAK MOUNTAIN

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*Oak Mountain Academy provides a challenging college-preparatory education in a safe family environment.  
The school nurtures the ethical, spiritual and physical development of students  
as they become confident leaders inspired to serve.*

## **9th Grade Summer Reading - 2019**

Welcome to the Upper School! As entering freshmen, you will find yourself immersed in the world of literature like never before! You will be reading texts over the course of the summer that we will discuss and reference throughout the entire year. These reading assignments are intended to prepare you for the kinds of literature that we will be reading during the coming school year. Please be sure to complete the entire project; all of your work will be due on the first day of school. I would suggest printing your work two days prior to be sure there are no issues with ink, printers, etc.

### **Required Text:**

*The Great Gatsby*, F. Scott Fitzgerald

**Optional Texts:** Choose at least one of the following texts.

*The Scarlet Letter*, Nathaniel Hawthorne

*Of Mice and Men*, John Steinbeck

*Lord of the Flies*, William Golding

*Animal Farm*, George Orwell

*Wuthering Heights*, Emily Bronte

*Fahrenheit 451*, Ray Bradbury

*Our Town*, Thornton Wilder

*Death of a Salesman*, Arthur Miller

*Pride and Prejudice*, Jane Austen

*The Outsiders*, S.E. Hinton

### **Reading Assignment:**

- Write a one-page essay that identifies what you believe to be the theme of *The Great Gatsby* by Fitzgerald text. Remember, symbols point to various themes. Be sure to fully support your writing with textual evidence.
- Compose a list of at least 5 questions for the required text that you would like to discuss in class