

English 12 Honors
Required Summer Reading
2009

The Hound of the Baskervilles

by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Carefully read the novella, keeping a log of the words which are unfamiliar to you and writing the definitions for each. Have this ready to be handed in on the first day of school. It would be helpful to you to purchase your own copy of Hound and make comments and note questions as you read.

After reading Hound, write a well developed essay explaining the importance of the setting to the novel. It should be typed and an example of your best efforts in composition. This is also due the day you enter class.

In addition to The Hound of the Baskervilles, read one of the following and prepare a visual which will clearly depict the depth of your knowledge of the book. This may include a poster, a mobile, a diorama, a model, etc. Be ready to explain your visual to the class.

Reading list possibilities: Once and Future King, by E. B. White

The Crystal Cave, by Mary Stewart

The Hollow Hills, by Mary Stewart

The Last Enchantment, by Mary Stewart

The Winter King, by Bernard Cornwell

The senior English Honors curriculum is a survey of British literature from Beowulf to modern writers. The class moves at a fast pace and students are expected to devote time and effort to their learning. Frequent quizzes in a variety of formats are given over reading assignments. Vocabulary will be stressed to assist with the final SAT scores.