

La Salle High School
Freshman Summer Reading 2021

The summer readings have been chosen purposefully by the freshman English teacher; they prepare students for the content of English they will be studying during the 2021-2022 school year.

General Assignment Information

Each student will read *The Hobbit* by JRR Tolkien and *Anthem* by Ayn Rand, then write a detailed outline that compares the messages about power through the characters in both books.

A theme is a message or a moral to the story. What shared message(s) are the authors trying to teach you about power and strength through these two main characters? How do their journeys lead them to discover their power? Take notes as you read and write down any important quotes or examples. Also take note of any similarities between journeys. You can use these notes in your outlines.

Books may be borrowed at the public library or bought online. New and used bookstores will also most likely have copies. It does not matter if your book is electronic or print.

- **Outline Due Date:** Monday, August 23 during English class.
- Summer reading assignments will be counted as part of 1st semester grades.
- All work should be typed, using a 12-point font or neatly written in blue or black ink.
- Feel free to contact Mrs. Ball at any time via email with your questions. Include “summer reading” in your subject line. *Please do not send documents without some sort of message so I know what you want me to do with it.*
- If you sign up for the English Prep Summer School Class, please complete reading both books prior to the 1st day (July 12), as we will be working on this assignment in class.

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Detailed Outlines should...

- be written from a 3rd person, objective point of view
- include direct quotes and specific examples from both texts
 - When you quote or paraphrase, make sure you properly cite the author and page number (MLA format).
Example: "We are one in all and all in one. There are no men but only the great WE, One, indivisible and forever" (Rand 8).
- have titles of novels that are *italicized* (not in “ ” or underlined)