



KENNEDY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Founded as St. Mary's High School 1924-1966

John F. Kennedy Catholic High School English 12 Summer 2016 Assignment

“There is no friend as loyal as a book.” – Ernest Hemingway

1) *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen

“Jane Austen’s *Pride and Prejudice* is often considered one of the greatest novels of all time; the story of proud William Darcy and the prejudices of Elizabeth Bennet. From Lizzie’s perspective their spirited courtship plays out on the page; in this witty comedy of manners, upbringing, morality, education, and marriage in early 19th century society.” Literary-Exploration.com

2) *Angela’s Ashes* by Frank McCourt

“Frank McCourt, who taught writing for many years in the New York public school system, waited more than four decades to tell the story of his childhood, and it’s been well worth the wait. With *Angela’s Ashes*, he has used the storytelling gifts he inherited from his father to write a book that redeems the pain of his early years with wit and compassion and grace.” NY Times

You are expected to “READ ACTIVELY,” annotating the text which would entail underlining pertinent lines and sections and writing notes in the margins or at the end of the chapters. Please note anything that you feel is important to the story (important choices and conflicts that characters face, traits of the main characters, descriptions of the setting, important events of the plot, literary devices used by authors, etc.) You are also encouraged to make summary notes at the end of each chapter and include your reactions and any questions that may arise as you read.

During the first full week of school, you will be graded on the following:

- 1. An in-class discussion of the novels.**
- 2. An in-class essay addressing both novels on Thursday, September 15, 2016**
- 3. An in-class comprehensive multiple-choice test on both novels- Friday, September 16, 2016**