



Washington Township Schools  
High School English Department  
Summer Reading 2025

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**Grade: 12**

**Level: Advanced Placement English**

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**Assignment #1:** Read the required title, *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by **Robert Louis Stevenson**, and complete the Literature Review Sheet (attached).

**Assignment #2:** A one-two page, double-spaced letter sharing information about yourself as well as your thoughts on one of the suggested poems below.

**Directions:**

Please read **Robert Louis Stevenson's** *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, a significant, foundational work in the gothic genre as well as one of the most famous pieces in English literature. Its characters and multiple thought-provoking themes allow the novel to have cultural relevance in today's society.

This required reading is in preparation for class discussions, assessments, and writing during the first few weeks of school.

For each novel and play read during this course, you may be required to complete a summary in the format attached to these directions. It may be easiest to download and type directly on this template and save it as a Word document. As you complete this assignment, it is likely that your document will expand to two and possibly three pages.

**The second assignment, your letter, is an opportunity for you to share some information about yourself as well as your thoughts on ONE of the following poems:**

"The Summer Day" by Mary Oliver

"Perhaps the World Ends Here" by Joy Harjo

"The Orange" by Wendy Cope

Although you only have to include your thoughts on ONE poem in your letter, please read and think about ALL of them.

**It is very important to complete both assignments in your own words. Both assignments must be typed and accessible on your laptop for the start of school and will be subject to a plagiarism/AI detection tool.**

The assignments and links for the poems will be available in Schoology this summer.