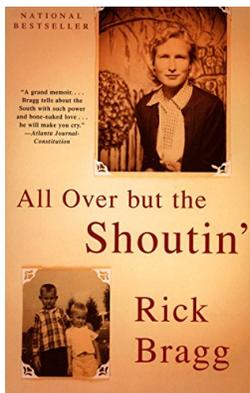


*In Conroe ISD, we encourage all students to read over the summer in order to enrich learning and provoke thought. Summer reading strengthens reading skills, increases academic achievement, fosters a love for reading, and empowers students to become life-long learners.*

## Dual Credit English 1301-1302 Summer Reading and Assignment



Your summer reading for Dual Credit English 1301-1302 is *All Over But The Shoutin'* by Rick Bragg.

This haunting, harrowing, gloriously moving recollection of a life on the American margin is the story of Rick Bragg, who grew up dirt-poor in northeastern Alabama, seemingly destined for either the cotton mills or the penitentiary, and instead became a Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter for The New York Times.

From *Amazon.com*

### Assignment:

As you read, consider how the author uses language and details to create a compelling story. Then, write a reader response for each question below in a journal format.

1. *Knowledge*: Identify and explain the central idea of *All Over But The Shoutin'*.
2. *Analysis*: Identify and analyze two elements Bragg uses to make his narrative so effective. Consider syntax, diction, structure, imagery, figurative language, etc. You are not limited to this list.
3. *Application*: Select one of Bragg's concepts or principles, clearly define or describe it, and then indicate how it applies to you or someone you know.
4. *Critique*: Write a critical perspective on some aspect of the novel, citing evidence that prompts you to agree or disagree with the author's perspective.
5. *Passion*: Find and record a statement or brief passage that elicits in you some type of emotional response. Then identify your emotional response, describe the meaning(s) that the statement or passage has for you, and provide actual or possible reasons for your response.

*Each entry should include text evidence from the book and be a ½ -1 page, double-spaced, MLA formatted response. It will be due the first week of class.*

In addition, you will be required to have your own copies of the following books:

### 1st Semester (1301)

- *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury – any edition
- (seniors only) *The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde – any edition
- (juniors only) *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller - any edition
- *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster – any edition 2003 or later

## 2nd Semester (1302)

- *Arguing About Literature* by John Schlib and John Clifford – *We highly recommend the first edition (red on the cover) (ISBN 978-1-4576-6209-6), but you may use the second or third edition. **Do not buy the abbreviated version.** The book should be more than 1,000 pages. This is a primary text for the Spring semester of the class, so if you choose to rent it, you will only need to rent it in the Spring. If you know one of my current students, you might be able to get the book from them for a lower cost. **This textbook is not optional.***
- *Inferno* by Dante (You need the John Ciardi translation.)
- (seniors only) *behind the beautiful forever* by Katherine Boo
- (juniors only) *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald

There are many ways to access free books online. See a list below for some available resources to help you gain access to books:

### Apps found in the CISD SSO Portal:

- **Sora**
  - Free access to a variety of e-books and audiobooks
- **Destiny Discover**
  - Check out e-books and audiobooks from your campus library (use your SSO username and login and choose TWCP.)

### Other websites with free resources:

- **Montgomery County Public Library**
  - E-Books & Audiobooks: <https://montgomerycountymd.libguides.com/elibrary>
  - Get a Digital Library Card: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library/services/registration.html>
- **Open Library**
  - Create a free account: <https://openlibrary.org/account/create>
  - Popular Titles: <https://bit.ly/2XBEwyP>
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  - Free E-Books: [http://www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](http://www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Main_Page)
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- **Audible Stories**
  - Free Audiobooks: <https://stories.audible.com/>

We look forward to seeing you in the fall. Have a great summer.

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