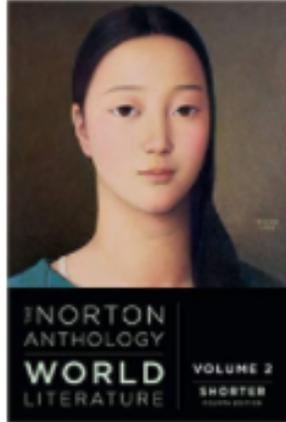
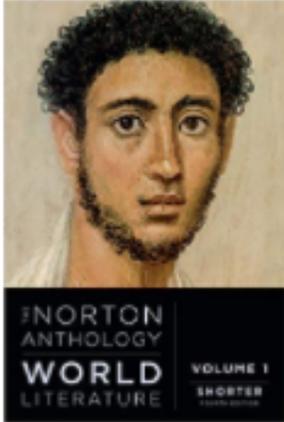


In Conroe ISD, we encourage all students to read over the summer in order to enrich learning and provoke thought. Summer reading strengthens reading skills, increases academic achievement, fosters a love for reading, and empowers students to become life-long learners.

Dual Credit English 2332-2333 Summer Reading and Assignment



Your summer reading for Dual Credit English 2332-2333 will come from our textbook, *The Norton Anthology: World Literature Volume 1*.

For the entire year, you will need *The Norton Anthology of World Literature (Shorter 4th Edition)*. You can find new and used copies on Amazon—ISBN: 978-0-393-65602-2 (both volumes listed together) as well as Barnes and Noble, half.com, etc. If you choose to rent, note that there is a time limit, and you will need to rent them separately.

We will read *The Epic of Gilgamesh*, translated by Benjamin Foster. Even if you don't have your textbook this summer, make sure you get a separate copy of this version, also available online. You will need to read the introduction (pp. 18-22) and the entirety of the epic poem (pp. 22-74).

The Epic of Gilgamesh is the oldest story that has come down to us through the ages of history...Gilgamesh relates the tale of the fifth king of the first dynasty of Uruk (in what is modern day Iraq) who reigned for 126 years, according to the ancient Sumerian King List. The *Epic of Gilgamesh* was first inscribed in cuneiform writing on clay tablets by an unknown author during the Sumerian era and has been described as one of the greatest works of literature in the recounting of mankind's unending quest for immortality.

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Assignment:

You will need to read *Gilgamesh* and complete the following assignment:

- In epic poems, the epic hero is often considered a reflection of the culture from which he originates. So, for your assignment, you will create a reader response journal where you identify 4 traits of a hero in *Gilgamesh*, according to the Mesopotamian culture, where and how Gilgamesh exhibits these traits, and how these traits compare to another hero in a fictional novel, TV Show, or movie.

Each entry (one per trait) should be ½-1 page in length with text evidence from the poem, MLA format (typed, double-spaced, 12 pt. font, Times New Roman). It will be due the first week of school.

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

- *Much Ado About Nothing* by William Shakespeare (any version) - semester one

- *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe (any version) - semester two

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

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