

Dramatic Writing (12th grade) 2024 Summer Reading Assignment

I. Read and annotate *The Martian* (Andy Weir). Watch the film (2015, starring Matt Damon) and be prepared to discuss the differences between the novel and the film.

Consider the following when annotating:

- o Elements of Science Fiction**see quote below* (grounded in science, warning to mankind, setting, etc.)
- o Adaptation of the novel to film***see quotes below* (how the story is adapted for the big screen)
- o Themes – particularly isolation, friendship, man vs. Nature, and perseverance/determination

*“Science Fiction is a story about human beings, with a human problems and human solutions which would not have happened at all without its scientific content.”

Theodore Sturgeon, author

**“Writing has certain advantages; film is another way to tell a story. An experienced filmmaker will take what she needs from the book and leave out other things. With adaptations, you never get the texture of the writing: it’s a different mode.”

Jhumpa Lahiri, author

**“There are things in the book you could never do in a movie.” Noah Hathaway, actor

**“The book is a film that takes place in the mind of the reader.” Paulo Coelho, author

**“Books and movies are like apples and oranges. They both are fruit, but taste completely different.”

Stephen King, author

II. Complete Post - Secondary Options Packet for the Counseling Office

This assignment is geared toward helping you to possess a comprehensive tool that will assist you, teachers, and counselors in preparing you for any college or post-secondary requirement.

Go to www.waltonhigh.org

Go to Departments

Go to School Counseling

Go to Class of 2025 tab

Scroll down on that page and locate the Post-Secondary Question Packet

Complete the packet and email it to your counselor on or before the first day of school.

OPTIONAL ---Complete a teacher recommendation page for each teacher you are asking to write a letter of recommendation for you.

Note: Your recommenders will be using this packet to write YOUR letters of recommendation. The more time, thought, and insight you spend on your responses, the more details your recommenders can include in their letters.