

**Optional Summer Reading English IV
West Feliciana High School**

Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
a look in a possible future for mankind

Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier
a haunting love story

Seven Habits of Effective Teens by Covey
a fantastic resource for skills needed for success in school and work

Requirements: For one of the three books given, complete one of the assignments below. You may only complete one for bonus points. Assignments may be handwritten or typed and are due at the beginning of the fall semester.

Assignment Choices:

1. **You are a journalist.** Write about two significant events in the novel as articles for a local newspaper (news article, editorial, or feature story).
2. **You are a nonhuman object from the story.** Tell the main events from your perspective (as the nonhuman object).
3. **You are a talk show host.** Interview two characters from the novel about their lives. Example questions could be: What role do they play in the story? Do they cause conflicts? Do they change over time?
4. **You are a character in the novel. Keep a journal of your thoughts throughout the sequence of events.** Include at least 10 entries. If you are reading *Seven Habits* you can keep a journal of your thoughts, ideas, and reflections as you read the book and how you can use the skills in your life.
5. **You are a poet.** Write a poem about a main character **and** a main event in the story. The poems should be at least fifteen lines each.
6. **You are a book critic writing for a magazine.** Give your critique of the book by explaining why or why not you think that novel or book was enjoyable and worth reading. Would you recommend the novel to a friend to read? Why? Your article should have at least four developed paragraphs and include examples from the book.

BONUS: you may earn up to 30 bonus points to be added to your cumulative point total for the first six weeks of school. **VERIFICATION:** Points are earned based on the quality of the assignment, content as evidence of having read the book, correct use of grammar, neatness, and obvious effort to achieve a quality product.