English 4 CP / British Literature Summer Reading Assignment

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(If you have questions about the assignment, you may contact any of these teachers through her schoolnotes page)

→The text you are **required to read** this summer is Bram Stoker's gothic novel, *Dracula*, first published in 1897, toward the end of the Victorian Era. Its style is that of the "epistolary" novel, or a novel written with the use of letters between characters to assist with plot development.

- **You may borrow the book for any of the local libraries, or purchase your own copy**. In addition to your reading, we are asking you to complete a character / symbol log and a written assignment.

- **Please keep track of all characters in the novel, write a brief description of each, and label him or her as "major" or "minor**."
  - **We also ask that you complete a written assignment**, either a <u>two-page essay</u> on the use of letters in the book and how they function as a part of character development, **OR** you may write a <u>creative composition</u> in which you develop a letter that a particular character in the novel may have written.

  - **<u>Both assignments (journal and composition) are due to your teacher on the FIRST DAY OF CLASS in August, 2010. You will be tested on the book during the first week of school.</u>**

  - **You may use the format below as an example of your journal.**

CHARACTER	DESCRIPTION	CHAPTERS / PAGES	MAJOR or MINOR