

Oratory Athenaeum for University Preparation

English I – 9th Grade

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Dear Parents:

Attached is a list of reading selections and reference books that need to be purchased prior to the first day of school. Please be advised that the books have been ordered and should be available for you to purchase during the week of August 10, 2009 at the Barnes & Noble Booksellers store located at 4005 North Tenth Street, McAllen, Texas. The telephone number there is 956.683.7709. The contact people who can assist you with the purchase are Liz and Charlotte. If you call ahead, you can make arrangements with either Liz or Charlotte to have the books packed and ready for you to purchase when you arrive. Please make sure you tell them that you are calling about the required texts for Mrs. Mount's 9th grade class at Oratory so that you will be provided with the correct texts. The total cost of the texts, including tax, is \$92.71, not including any discounts you may be eligible to use (membership, coupons, etc.).

Because we will be reading and using these materials as a class, it is imperative that you purchase the books listed below. While you may be able to find the same title issued by a different publishing company, it will be difficult for students who did not purchase the books listed below to follow along as we read in class and refer to specific pages in the books because the pagination will be different.

Additionally, some might be tempted to purchase study guides to go along with the books. This is not advised, and students will not be permitted to use study guides in class. Often, study guides provide the interpretation of the person who wrote the study guide, but that information may not be what will be taught in class. Therefore, using the study guide will leave the student at a disadvantage. Further, students should learn the material by reading it for themselves and participating in class discussions and exercises.

The first work on the list is a play entitled [The Importance of Being Earnest](#) by Oscar Wilde. Your student will need to have that play read prior to the first day of school, August 24, 2009. I recommend that you encourage your student to keep ahead of the reading assignments as some of the texts are lengthy. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at the address listed above. I look forward to working with your students.

God Bless.

<u>The Importance of Being Earnest</u> – Oscar Wilde	ISBN: 1-60424-048-2
<u>Kitchen</u> – Banana Yoshimoto	ISBN13: 978-0-8021-4244-3
	ISBN10: 0-8021-4244-3
<u>The Secret Garden</u> – Frances Hodgson Burnett	ISBN13: 978-1-59308-277-2
	ISBN10: 1-59308-277-0
<u>Hamlet</u> – William Shakespeare	ISBN: 978-01-40714548
<u>Julius Caesar</u> – William Shakespeare	ISBN: 978-0-14-071468-5
<u>Life of Pi</u> – Yann Martel	ISBN: 978-0-15-602732-8
<u>A Pocket Style Manual</u>	ISBN13: 978-0-312-45275-9
	ISBN10: 0-312-45275-6
<u>Miriam Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus</u>	ISBN: 978-0-87779-851-4