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## 2018 English Language Arts Summer Assignment

The Francis Lewis High School summer reading assignment has been designed to provide students with the opportunity to further develop their reading and vocabulary skills during the summer months. The assignment provides choices of short stories appropriate to the grade levels that students will be entering in the fall. It also provides access to an interactive website designed to improve your vocabulary. The short stories, graphic organizers (with model entries), and the Vocabulary.com word list are available through the links below.

### Instructions for Incoming Ninth Graders

1. Read **one** short story from the approved list for English Language Arts.
2. Complete one journal entry for each topic on the graphic organizer in response to the short story you have chosen. (You should have five entries in all.)
3. Create a [Vocabulary.com](http://www.vocabulary.com) account and master the list for your grade level. Make sure to complete the list in **practice** mode so you can monitor your level of completion.

Submit your journal entries to your ELA teacher during the first week of class. These journals will count as your first homework grades for the fall semester.

### Assignment Guidelines and Requirements

- All work must be your own. Do not plagiarize. You will not receive credit for the assignment if your work is copied from any source.
- Short stories and graphic organizers (with model entries) are available on the English Department website. Please visit [francislewisenglish.com/summer](http://francislewisenglish.com/summer) for downloadable PDFs of the stories available for your grade level.
- The Vocabulary.com word list for incoming ninth graders can be found at <http://www.vocabulary.com/lists/674097>. To start playing the list, click the “Add to Learning Program” link next to the list title. If you do not have a Vocabulary.com account, you will need to create one. Be sure to add Francis Lewis High School to the “My School” section of your profile.

If you have any questions about the assignment, please contact Mr. Johnson by email at [sjohnson2@flhs.us](mailto:sjohnson2@flhs.us).