



Dulaney High School
GT English 9 Summer Reading 2023
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All students enrolled in GT English 9 must read the following 2 short stories prior to the first day of school:

1. “The Yellow Wallpaper” by Charlotte Perkins Gilman (1892)

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Summary: “The Yellow Wallpaper” explores psychology, gender roles, and mental illness. Told through journal fragments of an ill narrator, the story examines her struggle and descent into madness.

2. “Cell One” by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (excerpt from *The Thing Around Your Neck*) (2007)

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Summary: Taking place in Nigeria, “Cell One” tells a story of culture, corruption, and cults. The narrator discusses the imprisonment of her 17-year-old brother after he robs the family home.

Assignments:

- Notes:** As you read both stories, take organized notes on the following:
 - Characters & their development → who are they? How do they change over the course of the story?
 - Setting → when & where does the story take place?
 - Themes → major subjects, topics, and messages in the story
 - Influences → what is affecting the main characters? What is having an impact on their actions/thoughts/decisions?
- Quizzes:** Be prepared for graded reading comprehension quizzes for both of these texts on the first day of school.
- Essay:** Students should be prepared to write one essay during the first week of school that responds to the following prompt:

Analyze how the author of your chosen story uses a complex character to develop a clear theme. Consider how the character’s development, influences, and interactions reveal this theme.

*****School Wide Summer Reading*****

Additionally, GT English 9 students are strongly encouraged to participate in Dulaney’s school-wide summer reading program for additional credit.