

Summer Reading 2020: Honors STEM Literature: 9th grade (Major Grade)

Questions? Please contact one of the Honors STEM Literature teachers:

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1. Purchase/borrow a text copy of Michael Crichton's novel, *The Andromeda Strain*
2. The novel is divided into five days, or sections: Day 1=chapters 1-4; Day 2=chapters 5-11; Day 3=chapters 12-21; Day 4=chapters 22-29; Day 5=chapter 30; Section 6=Epilogue
3. Read the novel and complete one task per day/section of the novel from the following list; each option used one time (6 total including Epilogue):

- a. Write a list of 5 significant events that occurred in the section and make a prediction about remaining sections based upon the events you listed. _____/20pts
- b. Draw a colorful picture of something described in the section-put a quote as a caption for your picture. _____/20pts
- c. Write a letter from a character's perspective about a significant event in the; pretend it is a message in a bottle in hopes *someone* off the island will read it. _____/20pts
- d. Choose five interesting words, or words you do not know from the section, and write their definitions; use each word correctly in a sentence. _____/20pts
- e. Write a paragraph (5-8 sentences) reflecting on the author's style in a section; is it formal or informal; easy to understand or difficult to understand etc. _____/20pts
- f. Reflect upon and explain an exciting, interesting, or substantial event from a section by writing a well-developed, thoughtful paragraph of 5-8 sentences. _____/20pts

Total: _____/ **120** _____

3. **Compile all work in a pocket folder with your name on the outside cover; place this sheet on top**
4. **Use PEN or TYPE all written work; pencil is not acceptable**
5. **Bring your novel and work to class the first day of school**