



**The Catholic High School of Baltimore
Summer Reading List**

Teacher's Name: Ms. Julie Mullen

School Year: 2017-18 **Grade Level:** 9

Course No.: 111 **Course Name:** American Literature Part 1

Academic Level (Honors/AP/CP1/CP2/CPA): Honors

Novels:

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow and *Rip Van Winkle* by Washington Irving

*please use these digital versions:

http://www.ibiblio.org/ebooks/Irving/Sleepy/Irving_Sleepy.pdf

http://www.ibiblio.org/ebooks/Irving/Winkle/Irving_Winkle.pdf

Assignment:

Choose one of the following: These will be submitted on the first day of school.

1. **Essay:** After reading both stories by Washington Irving write a five paragraph essay on *Women's Roles* in the two stories. What are some comparisons or differences? Remember to have a thesis statement in your opening paragraph, three supporting paragraphs and a conclusion to wrap everything up. Please make sure you proofread for clarity, grammar, and mechanics. All papers should be typed using font size 12, black ink.
2. **Essay:** After reading both stories by Washington Irving write a five paragraph essay *Comparing and Contrasting* the two stories. Make sure to mention the time periods, location, and habitats, education of the characters, survival techniques, and much more. Remember to have a thesis statement in your opening paragraph, three supporting paragraphs and a conclusion to wrap everything up. Please make sure you proofread for clarity, grammar, and mechanics. All papers should be typed using font size 12, black ink.

3. **Power Point Presentation:** This presentation should be at least 15-20 slides. Choose **BOTH STORIES:** *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* and *Rip Van Winkle*. Be creative by adding pictures and other meaningful illustrations. Some of the information that needs to be covered: 1 slide on Washington Irving, 2 slides on the themes of the stories, 1 slide can contain your opinion; all other slides should be a summary of the stories. **Please submit the PP presentation before September 1, 2017.**

4. **Book Jackets:** Choose **BOTH STORIES:** *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* and *Rip Van Winkle*. Create a book jacket for each by following the criteria listed: **front** cover with title, author, illustration; **back** cover with descriptions of the books are “make believe” critic ratings; **inside front flap** summary of the story; **inside back flap** information about the author. You will submit both book jackets on the first day of class in the fall.

If you have any questions please email me at jmullen@thecatholichighschool.org