



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

Teacher's Name: Mrs. Karen Mitchell

School Year: 2017-2018 **Grade Level:** 12

Course No.: 146 **Course Name:** World Literature

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

Novels:

Rebecca

Daphne DuMaurier

Assignment:

1. List and briefly describe the characters.
2. Briefly describe the setting.
3. Answer the following questions in 2-3 sentences. Make sure you discuss the question fully, yet succinctly.
 - a. DuMaurier admitted that her heroine has no name because she could never think of an appropriate one—which in itself is a telling comment. What effect does it have on the novel that the heroine has no first name?
 - b. How, if at all, do Maxim's revelations change your attitude toward him? Did you feel relief upon first reading his confession? Can you sympathize with his predicament or do you censure his actions? What do you think of the heroine's reaction? In her place, how might you have reacted?
 - c. What was Rebecca really like?
 - d. Why does the heroine allow herself to be drawn into Rebecca's life?
 - e. What does the heroine lose by becoming Maxim's accomplice? What does she gain?

Choose one of the following: These may be submitted electronically any time during the summer, or you may submit them on the first day of school.

1. **Talk Show Invitation:** Select a character and think about his or her involvements and experiences, then figure out which talk show would most want your character as a guest. What would the producers want the character to talk about? Who else would they invite on the show to address the issues the character is involved in? Write up the correspondence between the talk show host and the

- character in which the host explains what the character should focus on while on the show. After the show, have them exchange one more correspondence mentioning how they felt about what happened.
2. **Character Awards:** Create an award for five of the characters in the novel based on their actions. One might be awarded “most courageous” for fighting peer pressure, another might be awarded “wisest” for solving the crime. For each award, write a paragraph describing why the character deserves it.
 3. **Current Events:** Select five current news or feature stories from television or news magazines that you think your chosen character would be interested in. Then explain how your character would respond to each of the stories and the opinions your character would have about what is happening in the story.

The assignment is due on or before the first day of class. We will discuss the novel during the first week of school. Contact me at kmitchell@thecatholichighschool.org.