

**St. Mary's Academy**  
**2022 Summer Reading**  
**12th Grade**

The following book is assigned for summer reading. You will be assessed on the assigned book the first week of school. You will also be expected to bring your knowledge of the book into classroom discussions during the appropriate period.

- **English 12:** *David Copperfield* by Charles Dickens

**Guidelines for Close Reading**

- Look for *patterns, repetitions (motifs), and recurring elements; unusual syntax and diction; figurative language and archetypal elements; and passages that strike you as highly significant.*

**Annotating**

This is essential for close and critical reading of texts in preparation for class discussions, writing assignments, analyses, research, and exam responses. Digital texts will be held to these same expectations, so you may want to reconsider getting a paperback.

- *Highlight* critical elements of the plot, so you have a condensed version of the novel to review when studying. This way you can skim your highlights to refresh your memory of what happened instead of the whole novel, or summary websites that leave out key details.
- *Underline* phrases you find pithy, represent repetitive themes or images (motifs), and/or reveal figurative language
- *Circle* words you don't recognize
- *Bracket* sentences and passages that stand out, develop an argument, or make a point
- *Connect* important ideas, words, phrases with *arrows*
- *Label* themes, repeated symbols, etc. in margins

**Assignment:**

There will be a test and an in class essay within the first week of school.