



## **MOUNT NOTRE DAME**

*Empowering Young Women*

### **Summer Reading Assignment English II - American Literature Honors/CCP**

The summer is for reading! Among other things.

This summer, please read the following books, *A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway and *Washington Black*, by Esi Edugyan. We will have a test over the books in our first week back from summer break. You will also be required to read the common read, *Haben*, and complete the written reflection.

*A Farewell to Arms* will be loaned to you from The English Department. If you choose to purchase, there are copies available here on [Amazon](#).

*Washington Black* can be checked out from your local library or purchased at most bookstores or here on [Amazon](#).

If you find annotations to be a useful tool in understanding a novel, please employ it. There is no written assignment beyond the test at the beginning of the semester.

The test will involve questions of both comprehension and interpretation. They will form the basis of our first unit and help to describe the aesthetic differences between American literature from the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century and the early 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Both books are complex, enjoyable stories, and I hope that you find a quiet, comfortable place over the summer to enjoy them.

Mr. Cerone