



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

**Teacher's Name:** Mrs. Karen Mitchell

**School Year:** 2019-2020      **Grade Level:** 12

**Course No.:** 141                      **Course Name:** World Literature

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

**Novel:**

*Rebecca*

Daphne DuMaurier

**Assignment:**

**Part I:** Answer the following questions in 2-3 sentences.

1. 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?
2. What are your feelings about Maxim at the beginning of the novel compared to the end of the novel?
3. What was Rebecca really like?
4. Why does the heroine allow herself to be drawn into Rebecca's life?
5. What does the heroine lose by becoming Maxim's accomplice? What does she gain?

**Part II:** Many works of literature contain a character who intentionally deceives others. The character's dishonesty may be intended to either help or to hurt. Such a character, for example, may choose to mislead others for personal safety, to spare someone's feelings, or to carry out a crime. Choose a character in the novel who deceives others. Write an essay in which you analyze the motives for the character's deceptions and discuss how the deception contributes to the meaning of the work as a whole.

**Criteria:**

- Length: quality over quantity: Your essay must contain an introduction, body paragraphs, and a closing. Make sure you include several examples from the novel to support your thesis. The thesis should be present in the introduction.
- Please use MLA format for the heading.

- There will be a discussion, activities, and a test during the first few weeks of school. You will need a copy of the novel.

**Please email me a copy no later than the first full day of school. You may print a copy and bring with you on the first day of school. Please email me over the summer if you have questions. My email address is [kmitchell@thecatholichighschool.org](mailto:kmitchell@thecatholichighschool.org).**