

British Literature Summer Reading Assignment (11/12 Grade English) 2026 First Day of School is Tuesday, August 18, 2026

Entering 11th or 12th Grade: British Literature

Out of the Silent Planet (C.S. Lewis)

Please read the entire novel and be ready for a **reading quiz over *Out of the Silent Planet* the first week of school (probably the first block days)**. After finishing the novel, reflect on it and your reading experience. **You need to write a response to this novel and a CSI both of which are due the end of the first week of school (probably the first block days)**. Type the review following MLA Guidelines (see the next page as a reminder). Create a title for your paper that is interesting and piques the reader's interest.

Introduce the novel title (use italics every time you use the novel title) and the name of the author (use the full name the first time, use only the last name after that—do NOT italicize the author's name) at the beginning of your paragraph: *Out of the Silent Planet* by C.S. Lewis

Required Writing Response Paragraph and CSI

1. **Write a good, thoughtful, reflective paragraph** explaining your personal response/reaction to the novel. Things to consider and include: what did you like about it? What struck you about the novel? What surprised you about the novel? Do you see any connections or commonalities between the novel and other books you have read or movies or TV shows you have watched? What life lessons did you find in this novel?
 - Write at least 7 GOOD sentences and no more than 15 GOOD sentences.
 - You need to cite specific instances from the book at least twice in your response (they don't need to be quotations).
 - Use spell check and proofread before you turn in the paper. Seniors who are Mrs. Klein veterans--avoid pet peeves!
 - You may print a hard copy, but there will be an electronic submission--all will be explained in class the first week of school.
 - Do NOT use AI in any way—you will be submitting this to turnitin.com, and if your work is flagged as AI, you may have to rewrite and take a hit to your grade.
2. **Complete the CSI for the novel**—to be turned in with the above paragraph—you may use the CSI pdf here on the website or the hard copy you got in the spring. You may do it electronically or as a hard copy. Notice the quotation requirements on the CSI!

MLA Format

(Modern Language Association)

Report Guidelines

The following guidelines are to be used for all typed papers at OCS (unless your teacher directs otherwise)

1. Always use white paper with black ink. (one side only)
2. Always **double-space everything!** (Never single space)
3. Always use **12 point Arial or Times New Roman** (no other font type or size).
4. Always have **one inch margins** on all sides (top, bottom, left, and right).
5. Always have a Left Hand Header of 4 lines (double-spaced) on the **first page** of your paper only: Your name, Teacher's name (Mrs. Klein), Subject and Date (20 August 2026).
6. Always have a Right Hand header on **every page** of your paper: Your last name and page number (use "Header and Footer" option under "View").
7. Always have **a title—centered**. You may choose either Title Case (where only the beginning letter of each word of the title is capitalized) or all uppercase letters. Keep titles to 12 point font.
8. **Indent** the first line of body text (and the first line of every new paragraph) ½ inch (usually one tab setting).

CSI—Out of the Silent Planet

<p>Identify a color that you feel represents this novel.</p>	<p>Create a symbol that represents this novel. It can vary from something like the \$ symbol to something like an icon for an iPad app.</p>	<p>Sketch an image that represents the core idea of the novel. It should be like a photograph or drawing of a scene. (Just include a simple sketch that captures the idea – drawing skill is not essential.)</p>
<h3>Color</h3>	<h3>Symbol</h3>	<h3>Image</h3>
<p>Explain and justify your choice of color. Use complete sentences and include a quotation from the novel in quotation marks and with citation: (Lewis 34) (author name and page number).</p>	<p>Explain and justify your choice of symbol. Use complete sentences and include a quotation from the novel in quotation marks and with citation: (Lewis 34) (author name and page number).</p>	<p>Explain and justify your choice of image. Use complete sentences and include a quotation from the novel in quotation marks and with citation: (Lewis 34) (author name and page number).</p>