

SUMMER READING - 10TH HONORS 2008-2009

Welcome to 10th Honors Literature and Composition! We are looking forward to the upcoming year. To prepare for this course, you must complete the following required readings and assignments over the summer. Make sure you carefully

read this entire assignment before you begin and plan ahead by locating copies of all of the texts early in the summer. You must have read and completed all summer reading assignments on your first day of class.

This year, the school library is going to order copies of the books for you to buy at a discount. Each text is also available at the Barnes and Noble by Northpoint Mall, or you may order them on the Internet (just make sure you give yourself enough time for getting the books, reading them, and completing the assignments).

Required Readings:

Nonfiction Focus- Memoir

Walls, Jeannette. The Glass Castle. New York: Scribner, 2005.

Fiction Focus:

Choose one of the following novels:

Gaines, Ernest. A Lesson Before Dying

*Hosseini, Khaled, The Kite Runner

Kidd, Sue Monk. Secret Life of Bees

Kingsolver, Barbara. The Bean Trees

O'Brien, Tim. The Things They Carried

Picoult, Jodi. My Sister's Keeper

Vonnegut, Jr. Kurt. Cat's Cradle

*Be advised-mature content.

Poetry Focus:

You will read the three poems in the provided Poetry Packet ("Sonnet 18," "The Stolen Child," and "The Last Duchess."). You also need to choose two poems from authors included in your poetry packet.

Assessments:

Assessment for The Glass Castle:

Directions: Complete each of the assessments listed below.

1. Perform a close reading of the memoir. While you read, annotate by underlining or highlighting favorite passages or passages that you believe are important. Make notes in the margins about themes or main ideas that the author conveys. If you do not buy the memoir, but check it out of the library, you must turn in a list of quotes (in MLA citation) and your thoughts and connections to the passages you've selected. You need to bring your annotated text to class at the beginning of the semester.
2. Write a response to the memoir. It should be typed in MLA format and be between 1 and 1 1/2 pages. Include what you learned, enjoyed, connected to, etc. in the text.
3. Prepare discussion topics for a seminar. The seminar will be during your first week of Fall semester.

Assessment for Fiction Text:

1. Perform a close reading of the novel. While you read, annotate by underlining or highlighting favorite passages or passages that you believe are important. Make notes in the margins about themes or main ideas that the author conveys. If you do not buy the novel, but check it out of the library, you must turn in a list of quotes (in MLA citation) and your thoughts and connections to the passages you've selected. You need to bring your annotated text to class at the beginning of the semester.
2. Your teacher will have an assessment for your fictional text planned for the first day of school. Make sure to have your novel with you on the first day, and be prepared for this assignment!
3. Directions: Complete a Great Works Reader's Journal (available at www.chsenglish.org under Resources) for the novel.

Assessment for Poetry Packet

Directions:

1. Print a copy of the poetry packet from www.chsenglish.org. Go to the Summer Reading menu and click on 10th Honors.
2. Read and annotate each of the three provided poems (you will turn in annotations)
3. Read and annotate two poems of your own choosing (see packet for list of poets)
4. Study the literary terms included in the packet for a quiz after the summer break
5. Respond to each poem, providing a summary of the poem, a reaction to the poem, and an explanation of the major literary devices used in the poems (typed in MLA format).

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if you have any questions regarding summer reading.

Please note: All typed work must be in MLA format. If you need a refresher on MLA format, please go to www.chsenglish.org, go to the resources menu and click on links.