

Tenth Grade Honors Summer Reading Requirements

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Welcome to 10th Grade Honors English! In this course, you will need to work hard, but we will also have some purposeful fun along the way. Five points will be added to each 9-weeks' average since this is an Honors class; however, you also must take the Local End of Course Test.

As you know, summer reading is a mandatory part of the Honors Program at SEHS. You will be **REQUIRED TO READ**

- Mythology – Edith Hamilton
 - Create an original power point presentation on the 10 mythological beings (humans, gods, or critters) which you believe need more recognition/glory than they have so far received.
 - Your PPP must contain at least 22 slides, incl. title slide and bibliography slide (incl. Hamilton's *Mythology* and any online or print resources). See my school website for a link to MLA bibliography format.
 - Due
- Of Mice and Men- Steinbeck
 - List on paper at least 10 themes found in this novel.
- The Gold Bug and Other Tales- Poe (read only "Ligeia," "Fall of House of Usher," "Masque of the Red Death," Murders in the Rue Morgue," and "Cask of Amontillado.")
 - Read and summarize each story in 1-2 pages.

You may purchase these new or used (I have asked Barnes and Noble to order these for your convenience.) or check them out from a library. I also have a very few to lend if you see me before the last day of school. You will have assessments on all of these during the semester. **On the first day of the school year (no matter which semester you have Honors English),** you will turn in the OF MICE AND MEN themes, the summaries of the 5 Poe stories, and the power point on a jump drive.

I also **RECOMMEND** that you read Antigone by Sophocles and To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee, because we will read and study them during the semester. You will be expected to read each book closely and to apply what you have learned. In fact, you may find that you need to take notes as you read. Do not procrastinate! Enjoy!

The standard for the Honors Program is very high, and I will grade your essays accordingly. Please do not be discouraged if your essays do not always merit A's. An A is considered superior with C's being average. My strict grading of the essays is a key component in preparing you for AP English, the Graduation Writing Test, and college.

Required supplies for our course are a loose leaf binder 3" deep, 4 dividers with pockets (1 for each class you take), pens (black or dark blue), #2 pencils, lined white loose leaf paper, and 1 plain white t-shirt. Keep the shirt at home until time to turn it in. Finally, you will find word processing/internet access, a collegiate dictionary, a jump drive, and a thesaurus invaluable. If you have any questions about the summer assignments, please email me. See you soon!