

Honors English II Summer Reading Assignment

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What are the Summer Reading Assignments?

During the summer break, you are going to have **three** assignments you will need to complete for me. These summer reading assignments are meant to help you continue your learning throughout your break. The more time you spend reading and learning, the better you become at both. Life-long learning is an essential habit to begin practicing now for a successful future.

The first step to completing these assignments is that you must complete is to join our Google Classroom. To do so, here are the steps you need to follow:

1. Go to classroom.google.com
2. Sign in with your school email/password
3. Click the + button in the upper right corner
4. Select "Join Class"
5. Enter this code: **ifzv13n**
6. Click "Join"

We will use this class throughout the summer to turn in assignments as well as throughout the year to connect with each other in a different medium than just our physical classroom.

The Books for Summer Reading

- ***Fahrenheit 451*** by Ray Bradbury
 - A futuristic/dystopian novel about burning/banning books.
- ***The Woman Warrior*** by Maxine Hong Kingston
 - A mixture of an autobiography of a Chinese-American girl and traditional Chinese story telling.

These books will help us set the stage for the books we are going to read throughout the year. The literature for Honors English II will focus on World Literature and making connections between cultures. These two books, while having roots in American culture to some extent, also show cultures that are not traditionally or completely American.

The First Assignment: The Introduction Letter – Due June 30, 2018

I have introduced myself to you, and now it is your time to introduce yourself to me. Getting to know each other is an extremely important part of having an excellent working relationship over the coming year. Especially since we are going to be reading about and discussing sensitive topics, the more we know about each other, the more we can handle those topics correctly and with sensitivity. It also makes learning much more interesting and engaging if we know more about each other. Therefore, to help me get to know more about you as an individual, you will need to write me a letter that introduces yourself. You will find more detailed instructions on the classroom site. Please make sure you are following the directions listed there for what to write as well as how to submit your letter to me.

The Second Assignment: Fahrenheit 451 Essay – Due July 15, 2018

After you have finished reading the novel, you will write a five paragraph argumentative essay in proper MLA format in response to the following prompt. Please reference the post on Google Classroom for all of the specific requirements, rubric, and additional information for this essay.

Prompt: Considering his flaws, should Montag be considered a heroic figure?

The Third Assignment: The Woman Warrior Essay – Due July 31, 2018

After you have finished reading the novel, you will write a five paragraph analytical essay in proper MLA format in response to the following prompt. Please reference the post on Google Classroom for all of the specific requirements, rubric, and additional information for this essay.

Prompt: Consider Kingston's depiction of womanhood, especially for her own character and for No Name Woman. What does it mean to be a woman in *The Woman Warrior*? A mother? A daughter?

***If you do not complete the summer reading assignments and do not pass the summer reading test, you will not score higher than a "C" for the first quarter of Honors English II. **If you do not maintain a "B" average, you will not move on in the honors program.** That means, if you receive a "C" for the first quarter, you must receive an "A" or "B" for the rest of the quarters, including the final and midterm exam average.

This class will have a heavy workload. These summer reading assignments are created to help you become accustomed to the amount of work and the type of work you are going to experience throughout the school year. If you cannot handle the summer reading assignments, then it is likely you will struggle with the work throughout the year. Please take this under extreme consideration when you are deciding if you are willing to challenge yourself and greatly expand your knowledge.

Finally, when you return to school in August, you will have to take a **test over the content in these two books**. This test, combined with your summer reading assignments, will be your first major grades for the year and will have a large impact on your grade for the first quarter. Please make sure you have prepared for this test. As long as you read the book and complete the assignments, you should do well. However, simply reading summaries of the books online or skimming through the material will not leave you in a good position to perform well. ***As you are an honors student, I expect a high level of performance.*** I know you can do it. We will also have assignments at the beginning of the school year about the concepts in these two books.

I wish you the best of luck with completing these assignments. I look forward to reading your introductory letters soon as well as your completed assignments by the posted dates in July. If you need help, please feel free to reach out to me through the Google classroom or my email. I can't wait to see you in August.

Have a great summer!

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