

GARFIELD HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOLS

Honors English III

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Summer Reading Assignment

During the summer months, it is important to keep our minds active and learning. To prepare for the upcoming school year, you are required to read two novels and write two essays.

This will help us be able to:

- Lay a foundation for class discussion in the fall
- Establish writing skills at the beginning of the year
- Continue to develop lifelong learning



The Books

- Catcher in the Rye* by JD Salinger
- I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou

You are responsible for obtaining the books. You may borrow them from the library, purchase them at a store, or order ereader versions. Make sure to have a copy of each novel in class the first week of school.

All summer reading assignments will be submitted through Google Classroom. In order to access our classroom, follow these steps:

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: **1t1f8tb**
6. Click "Join"

We will continue to use this class throughout the year to connect beyond the physical classroom, so be sure you frequent the site.

The Letter

In order to have a successful working class environment, it is important for us to get to know one another. I am a big believer in continuous learning and am interested in learning about you, too! Your first assignment for Honors English III will be to write a letter to me introducing yourself. Who are you as student and teenager outside of class? What are your likes and dislikes? What activities do you enjoy? What books do you like to read? Tell me everything! You can find a letter from me to you attached to the assignment on the Google Classroom site. You can also find more detailed instructions on what to include in your letter attached to the site, too. Please make sure to open and read all attachments so that you are following instructions. **This assignment must be submitted no later than June 30, 2018.**

The Essays

***Catcher in the Rye* Essay--due by July 15, 2018**

In a multi-paragraph essay, respond to the following prompt:

Critic David D. Galloway said, "Wherever Holden turns, his craving for truth seems to be frustrated by the phoniness of the world." **Analyze Holden's use of the word "phony".** **Questions to consider:** What does the word mean in the context of the book, and does Holden offer any alternative to phoniness? Is Holden himself guilty of being a phony? How does Salinger want readers to judge ideas about phoniness?

***I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* Essay--due by July 31, 2018**

In a multi-paragraph essay, respond the following prompt:

How does Angelou's perception of beauty and appearance influence her life and life choices? **Analyze the way in which her beliefs about race and beauty affect her life experiences.** **Questions to consider:** What experiences have been a direct result of these beliefs? Do her beliefs affect her positively or negatively? How so? What does she learn from her experiences based on her beliefs?

****Both assignments are posted to Google Classroom where you can find additional information about the requirements of each assignment. Be sure to check the site!****

The Test

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.

Final Thoughts

I look forward to meeting you and am excited to have a challenging, productive year. Expect to work hard and to put forth much effort in this class. I plan to push you! **Please note, if you do not complete the summer reading assignments and do not pass the summer reading test, you will not be able to earn a grade higher than a "B" for the first quarter of Honors English III.** Please take this under *extreme consideration* when putting forth your effort this summer. I wish you the best of luck with these assignments and am excited to read your introductory letter soon! Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Guba