

Summer Reading Assignments for Honors English 11

May/June 2009

Dear Incoming Honors English 11 Students:

Read and follow the directions below carefully:

- Fill out the form on the next page, tear it off, and return it to your current English 10 teacher as soon as possible. Be sure that both you and a parent/guardian sign this form. Completed forms are due by Friday, May 29, 2009.
- To prepare for this class you are assigned to read **one piece of American fiction and 11 full-length non-fiction articles (cover stories)**. This is a requirement for enrollment in Honors English 11.
 - During the first week of the fall semester, be prepared to complete additional assignments. You must demonstrate that you have read and comprehended the book and articles in their entirety.
- Attached is a study form I **strongly** suggest you use to help you remember information about the book you will read. This will be useful when doing the assignments at the beginning of the Fall 08 semester. I also **strongly** suggest that you write a brief 150-word summary for each of the magazine cover stories you read over the summer. Completing the study form is not a requirement and will not be collected or graded.
- **NOTE TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS:** Students enrolled in Honors English 11 will have the opportunity to take the AP Language and Composition exam in the spring. Whereas many universities and colleges accept the twelfth grade AP Literature and Composition exam for humanities credit, the eleventh grade AP exam is accepted as a composition credit. As such, much of the focus of Honors English 11 will be on helping the students to become proficient in analyzing rhetorical strategies that are employed in both fiction and non-fiction literature.

ASSIGNMENT #1: Choose ONE book from the following four selections:

E. L. Doctorow – *The March*
Edward P. Jones – *The Known World*
Elizabeth Stout – *Olive Kitteridge*
Louise Erdrich – *The Plague of Doves*
Kurt Andersen - *Heyday*

ASSIGNMENT #2: Non-fiction Articles

Each week of the summer recess you are to read the cover story of the week's edition of the following magazines:

Week of June 1, 2009 - Time

Week of June 8, 2009 – U.S. News & World Report

Week of June 15, 2009 – Newsweek

Week of June 22, 2009 – Sports Illustrated

Week of June June 29, 2009 – Time

(July 4th off!)

Week of July 6, 2009 – Time

Week of July 13, 2009 - Time

Week of July 20, 2009 - U.S. News & World Report

Week of July 27, 2009 – Newsweek

Week of August 3, 2009 – Entertainment Weekly

Week of August 10, 2009 – Time

These magazines are available to read at all three branches of the Burbank Public Library.

After June 5, 2009 address questions to:

SamKuglen@Burbankusd.org

(I am on vacation, so please do not expect an immediate response)

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I have read the above and understand that I am responsible for following all of the guidelines and requirements stated above. I intend to do the mandatory summer reading for the novel and the weekly magazines. I affirm that there will be **no collaboration** with other students, or assistance from parents, the Internet, movies, or any other secondary sources such as Cliff's Notes or Spark Notes. **Any collaboration of assistance from a secondary source will be viewed as cheating. The consequence for cheating will be *immediate removal from the program.***

Cheating is dishonorable and will not be tolerated.

Student name (Print clearly) _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Name (Print clearly) _____

Parent signature _____

1. Current GPA _____

2. GATE Identified? _____

Please return to your English teacher by
Friday May 29, 2009

