

English 9 Honors
Summer Reading List and Assignment Requirements

Northeastern High School 2011-2012

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Due Date: Monday, August 15, 2011

***check the school website for office hours

Choose **TWO** of the following books and read each in its entirety:

- *Dandelion Wine* by Ray Bradbury
- *Cannery Row* by John Steinbeck
- *Great Expectations OR David Copperfield* by Charles Dickens
- *Wicked* by Gregory Maguire
- *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan
- *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams
- *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak
- *I know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou
- *Daisy Miller* by Henry James
- *Summer* by Edith Wharton

As you read each selection, you will keep a reader's journal. In this journal (which may be typed or handwritten), you will respond to the text in each of the following four ways. Each journal should be at least ten pages in length. You may choose to summarize, predict, question, or connect at the end of a section, when you feel compelled to, or at the end of each chapter.

- Summarize- rephrase the main points of the passage
- Predict- make note of what you think may happen
- Question- ask rhetorical and comprehension questions
- Connect- make connections between your world and what is occurring in the novel.

After reading each selection, you will compose a **one page reflective response**. These responses must be typed, double-spaced, in size 12 font, preferably in Georgia or Times New Roman. You must include an ORIGINAL title. Format your paper as shown in the example on the reverse of this page. Since they are personal essays, you may use first-person pronouns. As you compose your essays, you may refer to these questions:

- In what way(s) did the story have an effect on you?
- In what way(s) did you connect with the story?
- What would you change about the story?
- How is the story significant in a global or local way?

Reader's Journal Example

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Summer Assignment
Book: *Owen* by Kevin Henkes

Pages 1-5

S-Owen has a blankie that he does not want to give up, even though he is going to kindergarten.

P-I think that if he goes to kindergarten with a nasty, smelly blanket, kids will make fun of him.

Q-I wonder why his parents haven't weaned him from the blanket yet. Are they afraid of his reaction?

C- I never had a blanket I was really attached to. I'm pretty sure Owen is a wimp. I do still sleep with my Teddy, Mr. Buttons, but that is totally different. He is an admired companion, not a blanket.

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Personal Reflection Example

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Mrs. Dellinger
Personal Reflection Essay
Book: *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss

Total Eclipse of the Appetite

Life is full of change. We change our clothes, our hairstyles, even our significant others. It can be argued, then, that the only constant thing in life is change. This idea is illustrated in Dr. Seuss's famed tale, *Green Eggs and Ham*. Sam I Am is repeatedly attempting to cajole his companion into trying green eggs and ham, a purportedly delicious concoction...

(Note: this is only the beginning; you must finish your essay. It should be one page in length.)

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REMEMBER: You are responsible for reading TWO books from the list, completing TWO journals (1 per book), and composing TWO personal essays (1 per book). If you have any questions, please contact us.

10 May 2011

Dear Parents or Guardians,

Attached you will find the 9 Honors English Summer Assignment, which directs students to read two novels from the list, create two reader's journals, and write two reflective essays. Because some of the novels deal with mature themes and adult language, we encourage you to examine the list and research the titles on it so that you can be comfortable with your child's reading selections.

If you have questions or concerns, you may contact us via e-mail:

dellingera@nesd.k12.pa.us or weaverb@nesd.k12.pa.us

By signing below, you are granting permission for your child to read the books listed. Please attach this signed permission slip to the completed summer assignment. Please note that the completed assignment is due on or before Monday, August 15, 2011.

We look forward to a productive, exciting year in 9 Honors English.

Sincerely,

Ann J. Dellinger and Benjamin N. Weaver

____ Yes, I permit my child, _____ to read the following novels:

_____ by _____

_____ by _____

Signature of parent or guardian: _____