**2018 Summer Reading for English Honors 10 & 11**

**Why read during the summer?**
In the effort to increase the “rigor” in English Honors classes that have now been weighted, the NHS English department has developed this reading list to keep students not only accountable for their own learning, but competitive with students from other schools and districts in pursuit of post-secondary education. The rationale behind this summer reading is a part of the greater emphasis on improving student independent learning through reading and media or research-based learning activities. It will also develop and sustain higher level thinking that should accompany honors course expectations and are necessary for success on standardized tests.

**When will the testing be?**
Regardless of whether a student is taking Honors English in the 1st or 2nd semester, ALL summer reading assessments will be scheduled for the first week of school. Look for dates of testing by grade level to be posted during registration. Students who are absent during the first week will be given two days upon return to complete testing and essay requirements. NO LATE ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED!

On the scheduled day of testing, students will:
- take and submit a multiple choice test for the “classic” and “contemporary” books selected, and
- be given the essay prompt for the “reader’s choice” book selected; students must take the prompt home to write an essay which is due the next school day.

**What should I read?**
Students will choose three selections: one from the contemporary list; one from the classic list; and one from the reader’s choice list. Novels with an asterisk* will be available at the high school in one of the offices and MAY be available before the end of school. Please check with English Department faculty. The other selections should be available through the local public libraries or you may purchase the one you want. The purchase price should be minimal and can be sold to someone else when done.
Rising 9th grade Honors English
A separate letter regarding summer reading requirements for Grade 9 is available.

Rising 10th grade Honors English

Contemporary selections:
The Perfect Storm by Sebastian Junger
Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer

Reader's choice selections:
The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien
The Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger*
The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien*
I Beat the Odds by Michael Oher

Classic selections:
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain*
The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway*

Rising 11th grade Honors English

Contemporary selections:
Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom*
The Greatest Generation by Tom Brokaw

Reader's choice selections:
The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald*
Black like Me by John Howard Griffin*
The Glass Menagerie by Tennessee Williams*
A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry*

Classic selections:
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain*
Moby Dick by Herman Melville*

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Acknowledgement:

Before a student is signed up for an English Honors class, this acknowledgement must be signed by the student and parent; it is an indication that the information on this paper has been read and that the responsibilities which “therein lie” are understood by all parties:

Student printed name: ___________________________ Grade Level in 2018-2019: ____

Signature: ________________________________

Parent printed name: __________________________

Signature: ________________________________

Return this form to the NHS guidance office by June 14.

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