

## Honors English 9 Class Requirements and Expectations



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### What to Expect in Honors English 9:

Honors English 9 is an advanced study of Literature and Writing intended for 9th grade students. All Honors English 9 classes are offered during the Spring Term. Please visit Mr. Van Velzer's website via the Vista del Lago page to read the [course](#) expectations. Honors English 9 requires students to read several novels and other pieces, including *A Long Way Gone*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Of Mice and Men*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, and *Maus*. Expect reading assignments every night. There will be reading check quizzes on every reading assignment throughout the term.

### Summer Reading

Summer reading is required for all Honors and AP courses at Vista del Lago High School. In order to be a well read individual, it is important to reading throughout the year. Summer reading requirements for Honors English 9 has changed from previous years. Here are the summer reading requirements for Honors English 9 for 2016/17. Students are responsible for reading the following titles, and engaging in academic conversations on EduBlogs. Directions for creating an EduBlogs account will be posted by May 1st, along with specific requirements for blog posts.

- *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster (students will use this book as a reference and resource material in analyzing the summer reading novels).
- JUNE - *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury. Students will read and blog on this novel during the month of June. The blog for this title will be open from June 1-June 30th.
- JULY - *Jane Eyre*, by Charlotte Bronte **OR** *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See. Students will read and blog on either of these titles during the month of July. The blog for these titles will be open from July 1-July 31st.
- WINTER BREAK - Students will select **ONE** book from a list (list will be made available on Mr. Van Velzer's webpage <http://www.fcusd.org/Domain/1296> by June 1st 201). Students will read the selection over the break and prepare for an assessment to be given during the first week of the class in January 2017.

### Questions:

Please contact Mr. Van Velzer at [bvanvelz@fcusd.org](mailto:bvanvelz@fcusd.org) with any questions or concerns.

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