



Dear Upcoming **11th Grade Honors English Students:**

By applying for Honors English, you've accepted the challenge to work a little harder and become a stronger student, which begins with your summer reading!

**You will need to read/annotate a total of two plays to be prepared for the first day of 11th Honors English.**

**Required: *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry**

**AND**

**Choose ONE of the following dramas:**

<i>Twelve Angry Men</i>	by Reginald Rose
<i>Death of a Salesman</i>	by Arthur Miller
<i>Our Town</i>	by Thornton Wilder (Jefferson Community Theater is acting this one out this summer!)
<i>Cat on a Hot Tin Roof</i>	by Tennessee Williams
<i>The Glass Menagerie</i>	by Tennessee Williams

(Plays are meant to be acted out and watched, so consider your reading much like a "table read" you might participate in if you were among some of the actors/acresses at rehearsal. In addition to reading these, you might find it helpful to also watch a version of the play.)

You should be finished reading and annotating (as needed) these **two texts** by the first day of school. Bring your copies of these texts on the first day; it is your responsibility to be finished, and extensions will not be granted.

During the first two weeks of school, expect a variety of assessments and activities including, but not limited to role plays, writing prompts, discussion prompts, and creative assignments focusing on your reading. It will be to your advantage if you annotate and/or take some kind of notes and pay meticulous attention to the readings.

Please recognize that it is perfectly acceptable to struggle with some of your reading; you only become a better reader by finding material that causes you to reach and struggle. If you consult other sources to aid your comprehension, make sure you use these sources to *support* your comprehension and *not replace* the reading of the text itself. Doing independent research about the time period of each text may be helpful to you. While you have a choice of dramas from this list, please do not choose one that you have already read, has been read to you, or whose movie you have seen (even the cartoon).

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Additionally, children's illustrated classics and abridged versions are an insult to your lexile level.

Some of the texts deal with mature topics or use language that you might find offensive. It would be to your benefit to do a little research before choosing your dramas to ensure that the subject matter and language are within your acceptable reading standards. If you run into something you are uncomfortable reading, choose a new text!

**PLEASE NOTE:**

This is not something you can put off until the last week of the summer, so get started as soon as possible. Some of the reading will be difficult. Plan ahead: give yourself enough time to switch texts if you find one that you do not like. You are responsible for obtaining copies of the texts either through a library, a bookstore, or borrowing from a friend.

Remember, you are making a commitment as an honors student to complete your work to the best of your ability. I expect an honors performance. Please plan accordingly with your time. If you lose this paper, you can find it on the school website.

I look forward to working with you in this course! Feel free to email me with questions. Happy reading!

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