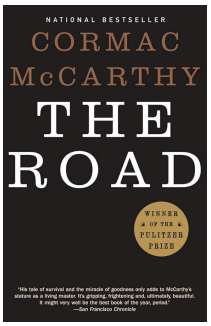
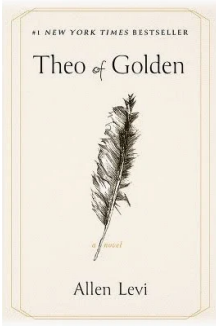
Honors American Literature Summer Reading Requirement

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! In the course, we will be exploring plays, novels, short stories, poetry, and non-fiction articles.

You will need to read/annotate <u>two</u> books to be prepared for the first day of 11th Honors English. The two texts you will need to read are:





***The Road* by Cormac McCarthy**
***Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi**

The order in which you read these does not matter, but you should know that *The Road* is heavier with a post-apocalyptic setting. Meanwhile, *Theo of Golden* is set in today's world and is a bit more lighthearted. They are both still very serious books and should be approached as such, but one certainly has heavier content.

You should be finished reading and annotating (heavily) these **two texts** by the first day of school. Pay attention to characterization and themes. Bring your copies of these texts fully annotated 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 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.

The texts deal with mature topics, and I expect that you approach them maturely. If you run into something you are uncomfortable reading, you certainly can request an alternative assignment. Please reach out to me via email as soon as possible.

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, and give yourself enough time. You are responsible for obtaining copies of the texts either through a library, a bookstore, or borrowing from a friend. If you absolutely cannot get your hands on a copy, please reach out to me, and I'll see what I can do.

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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