

Honors English 9 Summer Assignment (2026-2027)

Welcome to Honors English 9! This summer, you will be expected to read one novel. That's it. 😊 However, you should read closely and carefully. You are expected to come to class on the first day of school knowing this novel very well. You do not have a specific assignment to complete over the summer related to this novel, but it is HIGHLY recommended that you take notes while reading.

SUMMER NOVEL: *Animal Farm* by George Orwell

This novel is available to pick up at the Turlock High School bookroom on **TUESDAY, JUNE 9th or TUESDAY, JUNE 16th during the hours of 7:30 am- 1:00 pm**. The THS bookroom will not have the book available on any other dates. If you do not pick up your book on one of those days (or want to get it earlier), you may purchase *Animal Farm* online, borrow it from the local library, or search for a PDF copy of it online.

There will be various assessments based on this novel during the first couple of weeks of school (a test and in-class writing assignments, for example), so you will want to make sure you're prepared for these.

As you read, you should take notes on the following:

→ **Important Plot Points:** You should be able to identify important events that happen throughout the novel, as well as the impact major events have on various characters.

→ **Characters:** You should know all characters well, including names, personality traits, important actions, relationships with other characters, and motivations (the underlying "why" that drives a character's actions, behaviors, and decisions).

→ **Themes:** What themes or messages about power, manipulation, society, government, and/or human nature emerge throughout this novel? How does the development of character and conflict contribute to these themes?

If you have questions, please contact either Mrs. Snider at asnider@turlock.k12.ca.us or Mr. Oldenburg at toldenburg@turlock.k12.ca.us.

We look forward to meeting you in August! 😊