

English 9 Honors Summer Reading

Any student who plans on taking English 9 Honors for the 2014-15 school year is required to read two books over the summer break. The two books to be read are:

Great Expectations by Charles Dickens

The Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger

Students will be assessed with an essay response for each book when they return to school in September. It is with Pennsylvania State Academic Standards for English Language Arts 1.3: Reading Literature and 1.4: Writing that these readings are assigned.

Have a great summer and I look forward to teaching you next year!

Sincerely,

Mr. Sieminski

Addendum to the Summer Reading Assignments for 9th Grade Honors English:

All students taking 9th Grade Honors English for the 2013-14 academic school year are required to complete the following assignment after reading the summer novels of *The Catcher in the Rye* and *Great Expectations*: Students are to find 10 quotes from each novel from multiple characters. The protagonist will only be allowed to have up to 6 quotations from the 10. The other quotes must be from other characters in the novels. No characters can be used more than once other than the protagonist. After choosing the quote, the student must provide a detailed reason of one to two sentences as to why the quote was chosen and the significance it has to either the character or the novel as a whole. Be sure to cite the page number where the quote was found. The assignment should be in bulleted format as follows:

- “Then as the marsh winds made the fire glow and flare, I thought I heard the voice outside of the man with the iron on his leg who had sworn me to secrecy, declaring that he couldn’t and wouldn’t starve until tomorrow, but must be fed now” (11-12). This quote is important because it hi-lights the guilt that Pip feels from stealing from his house and the responsibility he feels towards the convict.

The entire assignment should be typed in MLA format with a Works Cited page. The only works that are cited in the Works Cited page are the works themselves. Any student found to be using Sparknotes, Shmoop, or any other cheat sheet site will automatically be given a zero for the assignment. Any questions or concerns can be addressed at dsieminski@vwvwsd.org. Have a great summer and enjoy the books! –Mr. Sieminski

