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**English 3 Honors - 2020-2021 Summer Assignment**

**Required:**

- East of Eden by John Steinbeck (ISBN# 9780140186390)

**Free Choices – Choose one or read more if you're feeling ambitious:**

- Into the Wild by John Krakauer (ISBN# 0385486804)
- I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou (ISBN# 0345514408)
- The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros (ISBN# 9780679734772)
- The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom (ISBN# 9781401308582)
- One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest by Ken Kesey (ISBN# 0451163966)

**Directions for Summer Reading:**

1. **Read the books.** This might seem obvious, but a lot of students try to get around this basic component of summer reading. Use a strategy such as creating a reading schedule/calendar to help you with your goal. Please purchase the physical book.
2. **Enjoy the experience.** Many students view reading as a chore, but it's meant to be an enjoyable and relaxing form of… dare I say... entertainment. You can read for pleasure. Reading is not a form of medieval torture.
3. **Show up to class with your books the first week of school.** Your first assignment will be an essay about your summer reading.
4. **The Assignment:** For each book you read this summer you're going to send **pretend** text messages to the author. You will "send" a text message every time you read. What should your texts say? Here are some suggestions:
   - Ask a question about what is happening in the book.
   - Share your opinion about the plot, setting, or characters.
   - Tell the author if you're making any personal connections to the text.
   - Be creative! Send the author a suggestion.

   **The text messages will be "sent" using an online platform: www.goformative.com. Here are the instructions for how to join:**

   1. Go to www.goformative.com/join
   2. Enter the code: **W9Z6HH**
   3. Indicate that you are a student in the class and join using your Posnack School student email (**you can use goformative.com on your computer or your phone!**)
   4. You will see 2 assignments – one for each book. Click on an assignment to get started.