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Summer Assignments 2021 - 2022 • English III/English III Honors

English III:

Required Text:

The Five People You Meet in Heaven, Mitch Albom (ISBN# 9781401308582)

Choice Texts: Choose one or read more if you're feeling ambitious:

- *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* Maya Angelou (ISBN# 0345514408)
- *Just Mercy* Bryan Stevenson (ISBN# 9780812984965)
- *The House on Mango Street* Sandra Cisneros (ISBN# 9780679734772)

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 schedule/calendar to help you with your goal. Please purchase the physical book and as you read annotate accordingly. Underline & highlight anything that catches your eye: a quote, a new word, details, etc. At the end of each chapter (in the book or on a separate doc) make a few notes about the important plot points of that chapter.
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.** All of the work we do in the first few weeks of school will be based on your summer reading.

Annotation Suggestions:

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- Predictions
- Setting: How does the setting help to drive the plot?
- Connections: text to text, text to self, text to world
- Emotionally moving passages
- Questions: about characters' motivations, things that are unclear to you, etc.
- Theme
- Symbolism
- Mood/Tone
- Characterization: How does the author develop the characters?

English III Honors:

Required Text: *East of Eden* - John Steinbeck (ISBN# 9780140186390)

Choice Texts: Choose one or read more if you're feeling ambitious:

- *Into the Wild* - John Krakauer
- *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* - Mitch Albom
- *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* - Ken Kesey

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