

To: AP/Pre-AP Students and Parents
From: The AP English Department
Re: Summer Reading

Dear 2009-2010 AP and Pre-AP Students and Parents:

It is with great pleasure that we present to you the summer reading requirements for students enrolled in Pre-AP English 1, Pre-AP English 2, AP English 3 and AP English 4. We are making arrangements with the **Barnes & Noble** bookseller on Northwest Highway across from North Park Mall and **Borders** bookstore at Lovers Lane and Greenville Avenue to order copies of the books. Each student should obtain his or her own copy of the required reading.

The selections chosen are by authors who appear on the Advanced Placement Exams. We have made every effort to pick selections that are both interesting to the students and relevant to the curriculum. The texts by grade level are:

	Text	Author
Pre-AP English 1 (9 th)	See attached sheet	
Pre-AP English 2 (10 th)	<u>The Pearl</u> <u>Night</u> <u>Green Angel</u> <u>The Illustrated Man</u> see attached sheet	John Steinbeck Elie Wiesel Alice Hoffman Ray Bradbury
AP English 3 (11 th)	<u>Fist Stick Knife Gun</u> <u>Slaughterhouse-five</u>	Geoffrey Canada Kurt Vonnegut
AP English 4 (12 th)	<u>A Prayer for Owen Meany</u> <u>Catch 22</u>	John Irving Joseph Heller

As a college preparatory curriculum, the literature in AP and Pre-AP can be somewhat controversial. If any objections arise from the material, please feel free to contact me, the AP vertical team leader, Keith Black, at either the main school line, 972-502-4400, or at my email address, kblack@dallasisd.org, so that a substitute of equal literary merit can be chosen by the department.

Students will be tested over the material the first day of the second week of school; therefore, they should start reading as soon as possible. We have attached a study guide template to the back of this letter that may help students keep track of what they are reading. While we will not grade the notes that students keep, students will find their notes invaluable study tools for the tests.

Have a good summer! Enjoy the reading! We look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Sincerely,
The AP English Department

Title:

Author:

Setting	
Main Characters	Attributes
Symbols	Your Reaction to Text
Theme(s) and Motifs	

ATTENTION INCOMING WOODROW 9th GRADERS!

REQUIRED SUMMER READING for ALL ENGLISH I and PRE-AP ENGLISH I STUDENTS

Welcome to Woodrow Wilson High School for the 2009-2010 school year. We are looking forward to a rigorous and enriching literary experience for you in your English I and Pre-AP classes.

All English I and Pre-AP students are required to read:

Bless Me, Ultima ... by Rudolf Anaya

(You may check this out from the Lakewood Library or other Dallas Public Libraries. You may also choose to purchase the book at any regular or half-price bookstore. Copies may be also borrowed from upper classmen.)

IN ADDITION, all Pre-AP English I students are expected to read and know the 12 Olympian Greek gods and goddesses, and have a working familiarity with their origins, symbols, and powers.* These include:

Zeus	Ares	Athena
Hera	Apollo	Hephaestus
Poseidon	Aphrodite	Hermes
Hades	Artemis	Dionysus

Pre-AP students should also be knowledgeable of basic Greek myths, such as:

Pandora	Perseus and Medusa	The Battle of Troy
The Kidnapping of Persephone	Theseus and the Minotaur	Echo and Narcissus
The Labors of Hercules	Paris and the Golden Apple	The Golden Touch

All 9th grade English I and Pre-AP students should come prepared to discuss and be tested on summer reading within the first 10 days of the 2009/2010 school year. So ... don't get left behind as we visit New Mexico, ancient Greece, and many other important literary sites! Read and enjoy your summer! We are looking forward to a challenging year with each and every one of you.

English I Teachers
Woodrow Wilson High School
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*Resources for Greek Mythology:

Mythology by Edith Hamilton

D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths

Heroes, Gods, and Monsters of Greek Myths by Bernard Exslin

Bring your supplies to get organized as soon as possible!

English I and Pre AP English I Course Supply List

One 1 and 1/2 inch hard binder

Six dividers

Notebook paper

100 index cards

Pencils, pens, and colored pencils

Dictionary and thesaurus for home reference

Woodrow Wilson Student Expectations

1. Complete summer readings and assignments.
2. Have all school supplies by the first week so you can get organized.
3. Uniforms and badges are mandatory. Purchase them before school starts!
4. Come to class! Skipping will result in loss of class credit. Too many absences, whether excused or not, will cause a student to receive an NG, or no credit, at the end of the semester. The course will then have to be taken a second time.
5. Be prepared to read, write, work, and to turn in assignments when due. Responsibility is an important factor in success. Simply attending class will not earn you a passing grade. You must participate in class activities and complete written assignments if you wish to earn credit.
6. Read independently! You will be expected to read one outside book from the freshman reading list each six-weeks. Get a jump start this summer. Read lots of books!



Calling All Woodrow Wilson 10th Graders

Required Pre- AP English II Summer Reading

Welcome to the 10th Grade! We are looking forward to a fun, exciting, rigorous and enriching literary experience for you next school year, in your English II Classes.

All English II students are required to read the following novels:

The Pearl (100 pgs.)..... by John Steinbeck
Night (100pgs.).....by Elie Wiesel

In Addition, all Pre- AP English II students are expected to read two additional novels:

The Illustrated Man (200pgs.) by Ray Bradbury
Green Angel (116 pgs.)..... by Alice Hoffman

All of these books may be purchased in paperback at any regular or half price bookstore, such as Half Price Books, Borders, or Barnes and Nobles. You may also check them out from the Lakewood Library or any other Dallas Public library.

All 10th grade English II students will be tested over these novels within the 1st 6-weeks of the 2009-2010 school year. Students should be prepared to discuss their readings in their English II classes by the 2nd week of class.

We are looking forward to an enriching literary experience for you next year, so come ready to work. Don't be left behind as we explore all that the literary world has to offer.

Summer Homework:

Pick one of the summer reading books listed above and pick a song and a piece of artwork that represents a theme in the book. Be prepared to bring in a copy of the music and a copy of the artwork the first week of school.

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English II Student Expectations

- Complete summer reading assignments.
- Have all school supplies by the first week, so you can get organized!
- Uniforms and badges are mandatory. Purchase them before school starts!
- Come to class! Skipping will result in loss of class credit. Too many absences, whether excused or not, will cause a student to receive an NG, no credit, at the end of the semester. The course will then have to be taken a second time.
- Read independently! You will be expected to read one outside book from the sophomore reading list each six-weeks. Get a jump start; read lots of books.

Supplies

(Please have first day of school)

One 1 ½ inch binder
Six Dividers
Spiral
Colored folder with pockets
Notebook paper
300 index cards
Pens, Pencils (for writing)
Colored pencils
Pocket dictionary
Box of Kleenex (for extra credit)

