



Kittatinny Regional High School

77 Halsey Road Newton, NJ 07860
Phone: (973) 383-1800 / Fax (973) 383-4392
www.krhs.net
2005 Governor's School of Excellence



June 2018

English II Honors Summer Assignment 10th Grade

Dear Student:

As a college bound student, it is imperative that you read works of literary merit to further develop your excellent comprehension and analysis skills. One of the major reasons that you were selected for the Honors Program is that your reading skills are above average; therefore, the following summer reading has been assigned. During the first week of school, you will have the opportunity to demonstrate how much knowledge and insight you have obtained from these readings via discussions, tests, and essays.

During your summer break, you are required to read *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller and *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne. These have been chosen because of their literary value and also because of their availability either in the public libraries or local book stores. It is highly recommended that you, as an Honors student, purchase your own copies of these works, enabling you to highlight relevant and pertinent passages and information. Please take thorough notes on both pieces of literature in the manner with which you are most familiar or comfortable. These notes will be assessed and graded.

Upon your return to school, you will write a paper based on your thorough examination of *The Scarlet Letter*. In addition, you will have a test on *The Crucible* during the first week of school.

We are taking this opportunity to welcome you to the 10th Grade Honors Program in English. Next year will be a challenging one for you and the keys to success will be your willingness to analyze the works of literature in our curriculum and the degree of effort you put forth during the school year.

Have an enjoyable and “well-read” summer!

Robert Fischer,
Teacher of English

Kittatinny Regional Board of Education
“Imparting Knowledge That Works for Our Children” - Sussex County’s First Star School

KITTATINNY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Grade 10 Annotated Summer Reading List – May, 2017 – available on KRHS website www.krhs.net

B - Biography/Autobiography /
Memoir

C - Classic
CF - Contemporary Fiction

GN - Graphic Novel
HF - Historical Fiction

M - Mystery
NF - Non Fiction

Sci/Fi - Science Fiction
SF - Sports Fiction

REQUIRED READING FOR GRADE 10

CF *The Outsiders* By S. E. Hinton

This story is about two weeks in the life of a 14-year old boy. Ponyboy Curtis is a member of a gang (the Greasers) and he struggles with right and wrong in a society in which he believes that he is an outsider. **REQUIRED READING**

C *Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*

by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

With devoted secretary, Dr. Watson, Sherlock Holmes emerges from his smoke-filled rooms on Baker Street to grapple with forces of treachery, intrigue, and evil, such as "The Speckled Band" where a woman begs the help of Holmes and Watson in solving the mystery surrounding her sister's death and "A Scandal in Bohemia" which portrays a European king blackmailed by his mistress.

C *Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain

A lively story about a rebellious young boy who plays pranks and constantly gets into trouble for his disorderly conduct; under it all he has a good heart.

CF *Along for the Ride* by Sarah Dessen

Audene Penelope West is an insomniac. After years of dealing with her parents' divorce, she realizes there is more to life. Before she leaves for college she has a chance to spend the summer in a small beach town where she works in a boutique and learns what she has been missing.

CF *Breathing Underwater* by Alex Finn

Popular 16-year-old Nick Andreas becomes involved in a relationship that ends with a restraining order against him. He denies his anger management problems until an unfortunate incident forces him to realize his problems.

B *Charles and Emma: The Darwin's Leap of Faith*

by Deborah Heiligman

This is about Charles Darwin's adult life in Victorian England, how he inherited money to finance his research, and then married his first cousin, Emma, with whom he had ten children. Emma was educated and did not always agree with Charles' views. This shows the effect of marriage on Darwin's life and work.

M *Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*

by Mark Haddon

Christopher John Francis Boone, a 15-year-old boy with Asperger Syndrome, discovers the neighbor's dog is dead and decides to investigate. His adventures lead him to mysterious discoveries.

HF *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck

Set during the Great Depression, the novel follows the Joad family journey from the failure of their family farm in Oklahoma to a new life in California.

NF *Greasy Rider Two Dudes, One Fry-Oil Powered Car and a Cross-Country Search for a Greener Future*

by Greg Melville

Iggy and Melville embark on the first oil-powered cross-country road trip. After converting a 1983 Mercedes wagon to run on fry oil, the two embark on an odyssey to find out how *green* our country really is.

Sci/Fi *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood

In the Republic of Gilead, society is a feminist's nightmare: women are controlled, unable to have jobs or money and assigned to various classes: the chaste, childless Wives; the housekeeping Marthas; and the reproductive Handmaids, who turn their offspring over to the "morally fit" Wives.

SF *Hex Hall Book I* by Rachel Hawkins

Sophie Mercer is a witch. Because of it, she has had a few scrapes, attracting too much human attention. Her punishment is exile to Hex Hall, an isolated reform school for witches, faeries, and shapeshifters where she learns that the mysterious predator attacking students might be her only friend.

B *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl* by Harriet Jacobs

Jacobs was born a slave in 1813 in North Carolina and was raised by her Grandmother. The story focuses on family and motherhood as well as details regarding the cruel realities that Jacobs endured.

SF *Knights of the Hill Country* by Tim Tharp

In the hill country of Oklahoma, high school football ranks higher than *God and Country*. Hampton Green, star linebacker for the Kennisaw Knights, is expected to carry his team to its 5th undefeated season. But, Hamp's teammates can't understand his interest in Sara, a girl with wild hair and baggy clothes, unlike the other players' girlfriends. This is a sensitive portrait of small-town life and young athlete's growing awareness he is more than the sport he plays so well.

HF *The Last of the Mohicans* by James Fenimore Cooper

The classic tale of Hawkeye (Natty Bumppo), frontier scout who turned his back on "civilization." The story tells of his friendship with a Mohican warrior as they escort two sisters through the dangerous wilderness of Indian country.

GN *Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood* by Marjane Satrapi

A wise, funny, and heartbreaking memoir of growing up in Iran during the Islamic Revolution. Marji's story is told with simple, but expressive, black-and-white illustrations. She combines normal rebelliousness of an intelligent adolescent with the horrors of war and totalitarianism.

B *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek* by Annie Dillard

In the summer, Annie Dillard stalks muskrats in the creek and contemplates wave mechanics; in the fall she watches a monarch butterfly migration and dreams of Arctic caribou. She tries to con a coot; she collects pond water and examines it under a microscope. She unties a snake skin, witnesses a flood, and plays "King of the Meadow" with a field of grasshoppers. This personal narrative highlights one year's exploration in the author's neighborhood.

HF *Ragtime* by E. L. Doctorow

The spirit of America in 1906 is captured as Harry Houdini swerves his car into a telephone pole outside the home of an affluent family. Various historical characters from Henry Ford to J. P. Morgan cross paths with Doctorow's imagined family and fictional characters.

SF *Running on Dreams* by Herb Heiman

Brad is the school track star and all-around cool guy. Justin is a 15-year-old boy with autism starting his first semester in a mainstream school. Brad is reluctantly assigned to be Justin's buddy and together they embark upon several teen benchmarks: first dates, rejection by peers, family pressure to succeed, fitting in with the right crowd and dealing with the outsider kid. It's the story of two boys whose relationship starts out rough but evolves into a loyal friendship.

NF *They Poured Fire on Us From the Sky:*

The Story of Three Lost Boys from Sudan

by Benson Deng, Alephonsian Deng, and Benjamin Ajak

Raised by Sudan's Dinka tribe, the Deng brothers and their cousin Benjamin, all under the age of seven, leave home after terrifying attacks on their villages during the Sudanese civil war. Their memoirs of how they survived and relocated to the United States are described.

CF *Whale Talk* by Chris Crutcher

Tao Jones (TJ) and a group of high school misfits form an unusual swim team from Cutter High School where earning a sports jacket is the most prestigious of all symbols. It symbolizes discriminatory attitudes and close-mindedness that TJ despises. TJ makes it his quest to earn a jacket for every member of the team.

C *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte

Heathcliff, an orphan, falls in love with Cathy, a girl above his class. The two believe they are destined to love each other forever but when cruelty and snobbery separate them, Heathcliff loses Cathy and devotes the rest of his life to wreaking revenge on her family.