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English Language Arts Honors Summer Reading Program 8th Grade

Dear Student:

As a college-bound student, you need to read many substantial literary works during your school experience to develop excellent comprehension and analysis skills. In order to accomplish this objective, summer novels and a grammar presentation have been assigned. The novels were chosen for literary value and their availability either in the public libraries or local book stores. It is highly recommended that you purchase your own copy of these works, enabling you to highlight pertinent passages and information. It is also recommended that you take notes in order to help prepare for evaluation of your reading. During the first week of school, you will have the opportunity to demonstrate your understanding and appreciation of these books through discussion, objective tests, and essays.

During the summer, all students in your grade level are required to read *Gathering Blue* by Lois Lowry. In addition, honors students are required to read *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck, create a grammar slide presentation. Specifics for these assignments are the following:

1. Honors Literature Reading - *Of Mice and Men*

In preparation for a test in September, please complete the following assignment on Google Classroom and turn it in by **Wednesday, September 5, 2018**.

In addition to reading the novel, you will read a text set containing 4 documents. Each has content related to the Dust Bowl and the Great Depression. After reading, compose a synthesis essay that smoothly integrates your interpretation of the 4 documents AND your knowledge of the events in *Of Mice and Men* to answer the question: How did the Dust Bowl and the Great Depression affect migrant workers in the United States?

2. Honors English – Grammar Slide Presentation

Using *Holt Handbook* and Purdue OWL create a Google Slides grammar presentation where you clearly define each topic. Additionally, define and provide examples of each of the subtopics.

- Verbals
 - Infinitives
 - Participles
 - Gerunds
- Mood
 - Conditional
 - Subjunctive
 - Imperative
 - Interrogative
- Voice
 - Active voice
 - Passive voice

***NOTE:** The essay and slide presentation should be uploaded/created on the Honors Summer Work Google Classroom. Please follow MLA format (Times New Roman font, size twelve, double spaced). If a typed version is not possible, you must write neatly in ink. **Due Wednesday, September 5, 2018.**

We welcome you to the 8th grade Honors Program. 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!

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8th Grade Reading List - Updated May, 2018 –available on KRHS website, www.krhs.net



This reading list is a collection of suggested reading presented to the students to encourage them to embrace reading. These books are accredited books that are listed on the American Library Association Website: ALA.org. The list, mostly of the newer contemporary novels, in no way reflects Kittatinny's approval or disapproval of the thematic content of these specific works.

A Day No Pigs Would Die
A Step from Heaven
Alien Spring
All Things Bright and Beautiful
Blue Avenger
Boys Without Names
Bucking the Sarge
Buddha Boy
The Coach Nobody Liked
The Dog Who Wouldn't Be
Farewell to Manzanar
Freaky Friday
The Gadget

***Gathering Blue* (Required Reading – all 8th graders)**

Hoot
How My Private Personal Journal Became a Best Seller
I Heard the Owl Call My Name
Inkheart
Jim Thorpe Story
Keeping the Moon
Lord of the Deep
Midnight For Charlie Bone
Moonstone
Nine Coaches Waiting
Our Only May Amelia
The People: No Different Flesh
Quest of the Keys
The Raft
Savage Sam
Seraphina
Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants
Snow Goose
Summer of My German Soldier
Teacher's Funeral: A Comedy in Three Parts
Thief Lord
Travel Team
Words in the Dust

Robert Peck
An Na
Anne Schraff
James Herriot
Norma Howe
Kashmira Sheth
Christopher Paul Curtis
Kathe Koja
J. F. Carson
Farley Mowat
Jeanne Wakatzuki
Mary Rodgers
Paul Zindel

Lois Lowry
Carol Hiassen
Julia DeVillers
Margaret Craven
Cornelia Funke
Gene Schoor
Sara Dessen
Graham Salisbury
Jenny Nimmo
Wilkie Collins
Mary Stewart
Jennifer Holm
Zenna Henderson
Scotty Sanders
S. A. Bodeen
Fred Gipson
Rachel Hartman
Ann Brashares
Paul Gallico
Bette Greene
Richard Peck
Cornelia Funke
Mike Lupica
Trent Reedy

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ADDITIONAL REQUIRED READING

Of Mice and Men

John Steinbeck