

Heritage High School
2009 Honors English Summer Assignment

Welcome to the ninth grade at Heritage High School. We are looking forward to a great semester in Honors English! We have developed a summer reading and writing assignment to keep you thinking and learning about English while you are not in school.

This summer you are expected to read two books and write a literary analysis on each of them. Everyone is asked to read *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury and then choose one other text from the list below to read. We will be discussing these books the first week of school.

For each of the literary analyses you need to type a double-spaced, 3-5 page paper that must include these parts: a) a brief plot summary b) discussion, with examples from the book, of the following literary elements: character, plot, setting, theme, point of view, style, tone c) summary critical evaluation of the book.

Your literary analysis papers will be due on the first day of class and will serve as your first grade in the class. Also come prepared to talk about the books in class discussion. You will be tested over your knowledge of the summer reading.

Choose one of the books from this list to read.

Cold Sassy Tree by Olive Ann Burns
Dandelion Wine by Ray Bradbury
Great Expectations by Charles Dickens
The House of Spirits by Isabel Allende
Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison

My Antonia by Willa Cather
A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving
I, Robot by Isaac Asimov
Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston
1984 by George Orwell

We look forward to working with you and helping you to have a great freshman year. Enjoy your summer and see you in August.

Lelia Rogers
Katie Sargent
Tiffany Sullivan
Pam Wiczorek

I agree to be responsible for the summer reading assignments listed above.

Student name (print) _____ Date _____

Student signature _____ Date _____

Parent signature _____ Date _____