

Honors English 11 Summer Reading Assignment

Welcome to Honors English 11! “This is an accelerated and in-depth course with an emphasis on American literature. Students will read a variety of texts, utilize the writing process, write for different purposes, research self-selected or assigned topics, and continue to use effective communication techniques. A study of American literature from a variety of authors provides the basis for all reading and writing assignments” (Little Miami High School Course Selection Guide).

You will be studying American literature from the arrival of the Pilgrims to today. To prepare for an extensive curriculum in American literature that will help you establish a broad literary foundation and exercise independent reading and thinking skills, you are required to complete a summer reading assignment. These works include thematic topics and stylistic choices we will analyze throughout the year.

Required Texts:

- * *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy (novel)
- * *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros (novella)

Required Assignments:

1. Use the link <https://www.remind.com/join/9cdb22> and follow the instructions to sign up for important class updates and notifications throughout the year. **SIGN UP BY JULY 1!**
2. Read both texts. As you read, annotate passages you think are important and relevant. Focus on literary elements and techniques, character development, symbols, themes, patterns, and authors’ stylistic choices. It is also important to annotate passages that personally resonate with you. Do not only highlight passages; include thoughtful comments and analyses with your highlighted passage. It is crucial you think for yourself and begin actively participating as you read and analyze literature. **You MUST bring your annotated texts to class the first day of school. This will be one of your first grades of the year.**
3. You will take a test on each text during the first few days of school.

Critically analyzing (close reading) a text can be intellectually arduous so I encourage you to read and annotate throughout the summer, rather than waiting a few days before the first day of school. Your work should always reflect careful reading and insight. I cannot wait to get to know each of you as a student, reader, and critical thinker!

Sincerely,

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