

**Honors English III
Norwalk High School
2011 Summer Reading List**

The following details your summer reading expectations. Read each work carefully and record the pertinent information. You will need thorough review tools to prepare for the in-class assessments when school begins.

Task #1: Read Stephen King's *On Writing*

As you read, consider the struggles King encountered as he started to write. Take notes on his suggestions on how to improve your writing. When you finish the book and have compiled your notes, craft a paper that introduces yourself as a writer. In no more than two pages, seek an approach that in both form and expression unveils the writer you represent. In short, paint yourself on the page.

Task #2: Select a psychological thriller written by an American author. Understanding that this selection will turn into the subject of your first oral presentation, you may wish to take notes, record keys quotations and ideas, and categorize any creative thoughts you have. During the summer months, you can find the actual assignment and associated rubric posted on the website below.

Task #3: Select a non-fiction piece written by an American author that spans a minimum of 200 pages. Like the tasks listed above, you would do well to record your thoughts as you read. Within the first two weeks of school, we will have a written in-class assessment of the material.

Task #4: Select a work of fiction spanning a minimum of 200 pages that has a distinctly American theme. After finishing the reading, refer to the website below to find the required poetic response. You will need to think and respond creatively in a poetic voice.

Website: [http://teacherweb.com/CT/NorwalkHighSchool/Mrs. Kopple/](http://teacherweb.com/CT/NorwalkHighSchool/Mrs.Kopple/)

*use this website to assist you completing Tasks #2 and #4

All notes and writing assignments must accompany you to class on the first day. You must type the work for Tasks #1 and #4. Lack of preparedness will indicate your lack of commitment to the Honors Program in American Literature, and it will be necessary for you to elect another junior English class at once.

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Please attach this tear-off to your summer essay. I have read the requirements of the summer reading assignment. During the summer months, I will read, complete the journal, and write the paper. I understand that if I have not completed all of the assignments, I will elect another junior English class. My parent(s) and/or guardian(s) has/have read the summer reading assignment and support your requirements.

Parent: _____

Student: _____