Advanced Placement English
Norwalk High School
2011 Summer Reading List
Mrs. Aarons

Welcome to Advanced Placement English. You will be taking a challenging course in the practice of writing, the study of literature, vocabulary acquisitions, test preparation, oral skill development, as well as grammatical knowledge.
To prepare for these challenges, the following assignments are required as you enter the class.

1. **Readings**: You must carefully read all of the following novels. Make sure you either annotate your copies of the novel or use an annotation log for each novel. There will be specific literary seminars on each novel and one multiple-choice exam on all of the novels. After a two to three week writing workshop, you will randomly select an essay question to complete in the English Resource Center.
    - *Sula* (Toni Morrison)
    - *The Things They Carry* (Tim O'Brien)
    - *Siddhartha* (Herman Hesse)
    - *The Handmaid's Tale* (Margaret Atwood)
2. **Quotation Journal: Please follow directions carefully for this assignment.**

    - This assignment must be typed.
    - The assignment must be hole-punched and inserted into a notebook.
    - The title of the book is on the top of the sheet **Centered**.
    - Under the title, write the theme of the novel. **Centered**.
    - Select one theme for each novel,
    - Each theme must be different.
    - Under the theme, begin at the margin and write three quotations using the proper MLA format. **Bold the quotation**.
    - Select three quotations for each novel (no longer than four lines).
    - Under the bolded quotation, explain how the quotation supports the theme.
    - The entire assignment should not be more than 4 to 5 pages.
    - Your writing should be free of style errors. Make sure you proofread your journal.

Example

Student Name
AP English
Summer Reading Assignment
Period

Sula
1. Quotation: (properly formatted) Theme

Connection:

Note: Please attach this tear-off to your journal.

I have read the requirements of the summer reading assignment. During the summer months, I will read, annotate, and complete the journal. I understand that if I do not complete this assignment, I will elect another senior English class. My parents have read the summer reading assignment and support your requirements.

Parent: _____

Student: _____

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