

English 9H 2009-2010
Summer Reading Assignment

Welcome to English 9 Honors! I look forward to meeting and working with each of you next year. Your coursework actually begins this summer with the following assignments.

1. Read *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho. We will be discussing this book as school begins and you will be writing an in class essay on this book within the first week of school. (You will need to have the book with you during that time in order to provide cited evidence within your essay.)
2. Choose one of the books listed below. *Please note that some of the books deal with more mature content than others do. Involve your parents in your decision,,if this is an important issue in your family.* Then, access the general summer reading assignment given for all college prep classes, also available on the NHS website. **You are to complete that assigned dialectical journal for your selected book from this list-not the general ninth grade list. Your journal must be typed; 12 font only. Write carefully, and proofread thoroughly before you turn it in.**

Dumas, Firoozeh <i>Funny in Farsi</i>	Morrison, Toni <i>The Bluest Eye</i>
Eggers, Dave <i>What is the What</i>	Nazarro, Sonia <i>Enrique's Journey</i>
Gaines, Ernest <i>A Lesson Before Dying</i>	Potok, Chaim <i>The Chosen</i>
Kingsolver, Barbara <i>The Bean Trees</i>	Smith, Betty <i>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</i>
Min, Anchee <i>Wild Ginger</i>	Watson, Larry <i>Montana 1948</i>
3. Read the first nine chapters of Greg Mortenson & David Relin's book *Three Cups of Tea*. **We will continue reading this book in the fall semester. It is imperative that you complete this initial work so that we can begin our unit in the second week of school.** This book constitutes an important part of the fall semester. It is a challenging book for freshmen. Don't worry if you don't understand all of it; just make honest notes for each chapter in terms of what you do understand, what you like, and what questions you have. You may use post-its for these notes, or write within the book itself.

If you have trouble with any part of the summer work don't hesitate to write. I will be happy to hear from you. Best wishes for a wonderful summer! I will see you in August.

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