

Pioneer High School
English 7-8 Advanced Placement - Required Summer Assignment 2010

All students going into English 7-8 Advanced Placement for the 2010-2011 school year are required to **read one book** during the summer. Students may borrow this book from a public library or purchase it from a bookstore. **Your Summer Assignment is due Monday, August 16, 2010.**

Reading

The summer's only required reading is *A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving. The book is long, but it is an engaging and unusual story of a boy and his best friend. Many students have commented that, though over 600 pages, it was well worth the read and, in fact, is one of their favorite books of all time.

Writing

You will not be asked to complete an essay outside of class for this summer assignment. You will be asked to keep track of key events and important quotations, so that you can articulately discuss the text.

- 1) Key Events: Keep a simple list of important events in chronological order in the text.
- 2) Quotations: Keep a double-entry journal of important quotations.
- 3) You must include the entire quote, the page you found it on, a response to the quote, and what basic category of literary analysis the quote belongs to. (See APHowtoQuotation example at pioneerhigh.org)

Join the Group

To fully participate in summer reading, you must join the AP Google group. This is a simple process.

Group home page: <http://groups.google.com/group/apenglish2011>

Group name: APEnglish2011

- Go to the group homepage and request to join. You will be approved and this is how we will communicate over the summer.
- Please make certain that your name is easily identifiable in your postings. I recommend that your email address be appropriate for a college-level, course. If you only have an email address like prettyprincess514@yahoo.com, then it is time to create a new account- both for this process and for the college application process. Your account should include your full name.

Discussions:

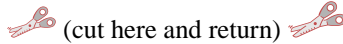
As a part of the reading process, you must post five (5) times to the discussion board for the novel. You must initiate two (2) posts, and respond to at least three (3) posts. Your posts must address different points in the novel, and they may not be confined to only one part of the text. Make sure that you are posting at different times in your reading process; this will demonstrate that you are reading the book as well as help you as you get through the text.

Additional Materials

You will need two additional books prior to the beginning of school: the Barron's AP review book for English Literature, and *How to Read Literature Like a Professor*, by Thomas Foster. If either of these books proves to be a financial hardship, please see me right away.

If you have any questions or comments, please use the Google group email.

Congratulations on your decision to challenge yourself, and I look forward to working with you!



Students and parents, please sign to indicate that you understand the summer reading requirements for **English 7-8 Advanced Placement**. Please return this slip to your current English teacher by **Friday, May 21, 2010**.

Student (Print)

Date

Signature

Parent/Guardian

Date