

Pioneer High School
English 5-6 Honors - Required Summer Assignment 2010

All students going into English 5-6 Honors for the 2010-2011 school year are required **to read three novels** during the summer. Students may borrow these books from a public library or purchase them from a bookstore. **Your Summer Assignment is due Tuesday, August 17, 2010. You will be tested on it.**

As you read, take notes for yourself on the characters, events in the plot, and themes. In addition to reading the novels, you must complete the following coursework. All work must be typed, double-spaced and contain well thought-out responses. Avoid plot summary!

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Be prepared to turn in this assignment on the second day of school.
2. Save your assignment in a secure document for uploading into turnitin.com.
3. You will be given a teacher ID and student ID for turnitin.com on the first day of class.
4. Submit one copy to Turnitin.com and a hard copy to your teacher when requested.

Use the literature to answer the following questions. Incorporate appropriate citation with page numbers. (See Owl Citation example at pioneerhigh.org)

Novels

Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

- Huck begins and ends the novel revealing his discomfort at being “civilised.” What is Twain’s message here? How do we see that developed in the novel? (One page)
- As a result of his moral crisis in Chapter 31, does Huck realize that the institution of slavery is wrong? Give evidence to support your answer. (One page)

Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

- What do you think the author is trying to say about the morality of war and using children as pawns? (One page or more)
- Does Ender's final position in life fit him? Why or why not? (One page)
- Do you think the ending fits the book? Explain. (One-two paragraphs)
- What is the author saying about power and its effect on people? (One page)
- How is this novel an allegory? (One page)

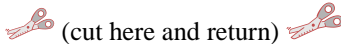
One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest by Ken Kesey

- How can the reader differentiate between reality and hallucination? (One page)
- Surrealism Portfolio -- Create a small portfolio with examples of Surrealism in art, literature, and music. Be sure to include at least three definitions from different sources. Create a surreal self portrait collage using ideas found in your research. Include a works cited page.

STUDENTS WHO DO NOT COMPLETE THIS ASSIGNMENT WILL LOSE A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF POINTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO WATCH MOVIES IN PLACE OF READING THE NOVELS.

*You will **NOT** be removed from this course for failing to sign this document or failing to complete the summer assignment.



Students and parents, please sign to indicate that you understand the summer reading requirements for English 5-6 Honors. Please return this slip to your current English teacher by **Friday, May 21, 2010.**

Student (Print)

Date

Signature

Parent/Guardian

Date