

9th Grade Honors English Summer Assignment

Dear incoming students,

My name is Mr. Ward and I will be your teacher for honors English next year. First of all, I wanted to say I cannot wait to meet you in the fall. I may be biased, but I really believe Freshmen English is a fantastic experience for most kids. You will read a wide variety of texts, learn how to write different ways, and have some fun while you are at it.

Before we get to what you are waiting for, I will ask you to sign up for the messaging system I use to communicate with students. I use an app called "Remind". This will allow you to communicate any questions you have about the summer assignment. You have two choices to sign up for the app:

- 1) Download the app "Remind". It is blue with a cloud looking thing. Create an account. You will be asked to join a class. When prompted, enter the code "8fgdha" and then you should be signed up for my class.
- 2) The other option (if you do not want to download the app) is using just regular text messaging. You can send the number "81010" a text that says "@8fgdha" and then you should be signed up for my class.

Parents: you may also sign up for this class if either your kid does not have a cell phone or you would like to stay in touch with what they are doing.

Now that we have taken care of that, let's move on to your summer assignment. I have tried to create a summer assignment that is not overly tedious and allows for some choice. Here are your choices:

1. Write an essay about your favorite character you have crossed paths with in your reading career. In this essay, explain why they are your favorite. This should be a 5 paragraph essay with an introduction, thesis, body paragraphs, and a conclusion. If you do not know what these are, use your resources to figure it out and try your best. You should use quotes from the book within the essay.
2. Read a book of your choice during the summer. Please make it a book you have not read before if you chose this option. After reading the book, write a 5 paragraph essay explaining what you think the theme of the book is. This should be a 5 paragraph essay with an introduction, thesis, body paragraphs, and a conclusion. If you do not know what these are, use your resources to figure it out and try your best. You should use quotes from the book within the essay.

Now some of you may be curious as to what I am expecting out of these essays. Here are my expectations.

- 1) I want to see where you are. I am not trying to fail anyone with this essay. As long as you give your best effort and finish the task, you will be fine.
- 2) I want to see you complete it on time. This is an honors class. If you come in the first day of school with excuses as to why you did not finish it, that will tell me you are not capable of being in this class. You have the whole summer to write 5 paragraphs--get it done!

With that said, I hope you all enjoy your summer and I cannot wait to see you all in the fall.

Sincerely,

Mr. Brett Ward