

Bordentown Regional High School  
English 10 Honors  
2018 Summer Reading Requirements

Dear Student,

Congratulations on your acceptance into English 10 Honors. It is a pleasure to introduce myself as your teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. I am thrilled to be teaching the class, and I am excited to meet you. Have a restful summer and enjoy the time off by curling up with a great book. Below you will find the requirements for your summer reading project:

You are required to read **TWO texts: *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry and *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald**. You must read both texts from an analytical point of view. In other words, consider the thematic purpose of the works. In addition to reading the works critically, you must try to make connections to the literature from your own experiences and the world around you. Your careful analysis of the literature is important because during the first week of school, you will be required to respond in writing and participate in a class-wide Socratic Seminar (Harkness Table).

I know that many of you will consult other resources like on-line study guides and films; however, keep in mind that those resources often fail to provide an intimate knowledge of the text, which will be required for an honors-level class. Any student, who uses someone else's work, without properly citing the source, will receive a zero for the assignment.

**Requirements:**

For each text, you must respond to a **Major Works Data Sheet**. These assignments are weighted as quiz grades. You will take a test on the two works during the first week of school; you may print and use these completed organizers as test references. The (MWDS handout) is available in Google Classroom. Record your response directly on the document. Complete a separate MWDS per work. Note the works cited page at the end of the document. If you consult any outside source(s), you must **CITE the source(s)** in MLA format.

**ALL WORK IS DUE BY 11:59 p.m., BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, Wednesday, September 5.** Place your (MWDS) in the designated assignment tab in Google Classroom by 11:59 p.m. the night before the first day of school. Late work will be accepted one day late with a 20% penalty; after one day late, the assignment will not be accepted. To log on to Google Classroom, type in the following code: zdcq3sw.

By the way, I have copies of *A Raisin in the Sun* that you can keep and mark up. You must secure *The Great Gatsby* on your own. If you have any questions, please contact me at [kingram@bordentown.k12.nj.us](mailto:kingram@bordentown.k12.nj.us). My classroom is room 254.

Be inspired!

Mrs. Ingram