

Bordentown Regional High School
English 10 Honors 2019 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 2019-2020 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 assignment:

You are required to read **The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan**. Please read the text from an analytical lens. In other words, consider the thematic purpose of the work and the author's style. In addition to reading the work critically, 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.

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You must respond to a **Major Works Data Sheet**. The assignment is weighted as a test grade. During the third week of school, you will take a test on TJLC and two other works in the American Dream Unit; you may print and use the MWDS as a test resource. The (MWDS handout) is available in Google Classroom. Record your response directly on the document. 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. See Purdue Owl for information on MLA formatting.

ALL WORK IS DUE BY 11:59 p.m., BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL,

Thursday, 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: gcooj9.

You are expected to secure a copy of the text on your own, but if you have a financial hardship, I have a copy I can lend you. If you have any questions, please contact me at kingram@bordentown.k12.nj.us. My classroom is room 254.

Be inspired!

Mrs. Ingram