

English III AP/TJC
Summer Reading Assignment

Please complete the following assignments prior to the beginning of the fall semester 2009.

1. Purchase a copy of Nathaniel Hawthorne's The Scarlet Letter. Any unabridged version will be sufficient.
 - While reading the novel, annotate paying particular attention to items such as:
 - Writer's purpose
 - Meaning
 - Tone
 - Quotations that apply to contemporary life
 - Symbols
 - Author's attitude toward women (major and minor characters)
 - As you annotate, write notes in the text in pencil or pen, and avoid highlighting large sections of material.
 - Be prepared for a detailed test over the novel during the first week of school.
2. Select an autobiography or biography of choice (minimum of 200 pages) and annotate it as you read. Be prepared to make a presentation to the class about your selection sometime during the first two weeks of school. Also be prepared to address any parallels between the text and your life in your presentation.
3. Keep abreast of current events during the summer. Prepare a notebook with a minimum of 12 intriguing newspaper articles about current social issues. Please find a strand of thematic similarity in the articles that you select (medical concerns, political reform, or scientific trends, for example).
 - Paste the article on a separate piece of paper per article.
 - Write the proper MLA bibliographic entry at the top of the page with each article. You will find information on format on the following two websites: www.mla.org or owl.english.purdue.edu/OWL
 - Write a one page summary of each article focusing on an analysis of the writer's point of view and purpose.
 - Use standard MLA format for all assignments: 12 point business-like font, double space, one inch margins.
 - Place hole punched articles and summaries in a folder with brads or small notebook.

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