

English III AP/TJC  
Summer Reading Assignment

You are required to complete the following assignments prior to the beginning of the fall semester 2010.

1. Purchase Nathaniel Hawthorne's *The Scarlet Letter*. Any unabridged version will be sufficient. Barnes and Noble sells an inexpensive paperback of this text and the one listed below.
  - 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.
  
2. Purchase your own copy of Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.

Annotate the text, focusing on the following concerns:

- Descriptions of family life.
- Attitudes toward slaves
- Diction: notice the use of dialect and how it functions in the text.
- Symbols and archetypes presented in the novel.
- Tone (and any shifts in tone)
- Use of rhetorical devices.

You will have a major test over both novels during the first week of school.

I look forward to working with you next year, and you are welcome to email me if you have any questions about the assignments listed above.

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