

2020 English III Honors Summer Assignment
Please contact DeAnn Aalbers (daalbers@csisd.org) with any questions.

Assignment - Select a banned/challenged novel to read from the list below. Then write a letter to your teacher in which you introduce yourself and discuss the book you read for this assignment and if you agree that it should be banned. **See details and requirements below.** Your typed letter is due at the **beginning of class on the first day of school.** Students should be prepared to give a (very informal) book talk within the first week of school and submit written assignment to turnitin.com.

**Please note that the English III Honors late work policy is -30 points for one day late, -50 points for two days late, and no work is accepted after two days late except in extenuating circumstances.

**Please do not choose a book you've read before...ex: If you read *Brave New World* for your sophomore dystopian book, you may not choose that book for your summer reading assignment.

Banned &/or Challenged Books (Please let Mrs. Aalbers or your sophomore English teacher know if you need to check a book out from the school)

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian - Sherman Alexie

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn - Mark Twain

All the King's Men - Robert Penn Warren

An American Tragedy - Theodore Dreiser

***Animal Farm* - George Orwell / *Of Mice and Men* - John Steinbeck - **to be chosen together due to length**

As I Lay Dying - William Faulkner

The Awakening - Kate Chopin

Beartown - Fedrik Backman

Beloved - Toni Morrison

Black Boy - Richard Wright

Bless Me, Ultima - Rudolfo Anaya

The Bluest Eye - Toni Morrison

Brave New World - Aldous Huxley

Catch-22 - Joseph Heller

The Catcher in the Rye - J.D. Salinger

City of Thieves - David Benioff

A Clockwork Orange - Anthony Burgess

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time - Mark Haddon

A Farewell to Arms - Ernest Hemingway

The Handmaid's Tale - Margaret Atwood

The Hate U Give - Angie Thomas

I Know why the Caged Bird Sings - Maya Angelou

In Cold Blood - Truman Capote

Invisible Man - Ralph Ellison

The Jungle - Upton Sinclair

The Kite Runner - Khaled Hosseini

Lolita - Vladimir Nabokov

Looking for Alaska - John Greene

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest - Ken Kesey

The Perks of Being a Wallflower - Stephen Chbosky

Slaughterhouse-Five - Kurt Vonnegut

The Things They Carried - Tim O'Brien

Letter Requirements

1. Letter Format - (must be typed)

- Date
- Salutation (Dear...)
- Body of letter
- Closing (Sincerely...)

2. Letter Content - 5 paragraphs

- Introduce yourself!
 - i. Name (including nickname, if you have one), where you're from, about your family, what you like doing in your spare time, where you work (if you work), what extracurriculars you're involved in, etc.
- Introduce your book
 - i. Identify the title and author of the novel you chose
 - ii. Why did you choose this book?
 - iii. Detailed summary of novel. About 5-8 sentences. A good summary is accurate (no errors), balanced (covers beginning, middle, and end equally), unbiased (not colored by your opinions, just the facts), and original (not plagiarized or copied from back of book, no quotes). Prove you read!
- Evaluate your book
 - i. Identify 3-4 things you liked/didn't like about the book (characters, plot, writing style, etc.) and explain why you liked/didn't like each, along with whether you agree or not that this book should be banned.
 - i. **At least 3 quotes/passages with MLA citations (Author and page number)**
- Evaluate yourself as a reader
 - i. In general, do you like reading? Why or why not?
 - ii. When given the choice, what kinds of books do you prefer to read? How does the book you chose for this assignment align with your reading preferences?
 - iii. What are your strengths and weaknesses as a reader?
- Conclusion
 - i. What are you MOST excited about regarding junior year of high school? What are you least excited or nervous about? ii. Is there anything else I should know about you?

Summer Assignment Rubric - Unless otherwise stated, students will be awarded points for following directions and putting forth effort within each requirement, as well as the overall quality of the writing itself.

_____ / 10 points for Letter Format

_____ / 10 points for Introducing Yourself

_____ / 20 points for Introducing the Book

_____ / 20 points for Evaluating the Book

_____ / 20 points for Evaluating Self as Reader

_____ / 10 points for Conclusion

_____ / 10 points for Quality of Writing (appropriate spelling, punctuation, capitalization, grammar, and usage)

_____ / **100 points total to be recorded in the 1st Six Weeks Marking Period** (Academic Practice)

NOTE: You will submit your assignment to Turnitin.com the first week of school. **If I have reason to believe you plagiarized part(s) or all of your assignment, you will receive a ZERO for the assignment and a referral to the principal's office for Academic Dishonesty.** Plagiarism includes unauthorized collaboration on an individual assignment, as well as copying or paraphrasing from an outside source without giving credit.