

Incoming 9th Grade Pre-AP Honors English Summer Assignment

Required Texts (These two texts are expected grades for the start of first semester):

A Wizard of Earthsea by Ursula K. Le Guin
Briar Rose by Jane Yolen

ISBN-13: 978-0553383041

ISBN-13: 978-0765342300

Bonus Texts (Choose all, none or only one to read—it's up to you!):

Greek Gods and Heroes by Robert Graves
The Classic Fairy Tales by Iona Opie and Peter Opie
The Children of Odin: The Book of Northern Myths
by Padric Colum

ISBN-13: 978-0440932215

ISBN-13: 978-0195202199

ISBN-13: 978-0689868856

Required Summer Reading Assignment

Read the books *A Wizard of Earthsea* by Ursula Le Guin and *Briar Rose* by Jane Yolen. As you read each book, choose one word within each chapter that you feel is significant to the meaning/theme of that chapter. Then, in a few sentences, explain the significance of the word you chose. Title and then put your collection of words and explanations into the **Exams, Essays and Responses** section of your English Binder. **Write neatly. No typed papers will be accepted.**

Extra Credit Summer Reading

This part of the summer reading is optional. You will receive extra credit for doing this “Bonus” reading and it will help you be successful with some of the material in first semester. **Warning: I will only consider scoring this optional assignment if the required work (above in Parts I-III) is done to a standard of excellence. In other words, don't bother doing the “Bonus” assignment unless you have done excellent and complete work on Parts I because I won't count the “Bonus” work you have done.**

Read one or all of the books. As you read each book, choose one word or sentence within each story that you feel is significant to the meaning/theme of the story. Then, explain the significance of the word you chose. Title and put your collection of words and explanations into the **Exams, Essays and Responses** section of your English Binder. **Write neatly. No typed papers will be accepted.**

**YOUR ENGLISH BINDER (3” Three Ring Notebook) WITH THE COMPLETED
SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT IS DUE 2ND DAY OF SCHOOL.**

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Advanced English Contract

Return Signed Contracts to the boxes in rooms 114 or 205 during the regular school year. During summer break, return signed contracts to the counseling office.

Please Print Neatly

Student Name _____ Student ID# _____

Class Requested for the 2009-2010 School Year (circle one):

Pre-AP/IB 9

Pre-AP/IB 10

AP 11

AP 12

Current English Teacher's Name and Title of Your Current English Class

I understand that I am enrolling in a two (2) semester class and that **I will not be permitted to drop the class at any time**. I understand this is a college level class that usually requires one to one and a half hours of homework each night. I understand that late work for the summer assignment will be deducted 10% per week up until the end of the first quarter. I understand that summer work will not be accepted for credit after that deadline. I will ask the honors or AP teacher for assistance.

I am aware that I am required to take the AP exam (if I am in 11th or 12th grade) and the cost will be approximately \$84.00 per test. I also understand that fee reductions may be available, based on the Federal School Lunch Program, but it is my responsibility to inquire about and discuss fee reductions with the AP coordinator. I understand that if for any reason I do not to take the AP exam (in 11th and 12th grade), I will be given *regular credit* (non-weighted) not Advanced Placement credit for that entire year's English class.

Questions should be addressed to:
Brian Guthrie bguthrie@avhsd.org
Gary Holt gholt@avhsd.org

I Have Carefully Read the Above and Agree to the Stated Terms

Student's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

(over)

FOR PARENTS: **Please read and sign in the spaces provided.**

Parent/Guardian support of their child's educational responsibilities in honors and AP classes is critical to that child's academic success. Please give the following statements careful consideration *before enrolling your student in an honors or AP class*:

1. I can provide a quiet place for my child to study.

Parent Signature

2. I will ensure that my child does not work a part-time job more than five to eight hours per week.

Parent Signature

3. I will encourage my child to study an average of one and a half hours for each honors or AP class he/she takes.

Parent Signature

4. I understand that extra curricular activities take valuable study time and I will therefore discourage my child from becoming involved in **too many** extra curricular activities.

Parent Signature

5. I will avoid taking my child out of school except for illness or family emergencies. **I will refrain from planning vacations, trips, and unnecessary appointments during valuable class time.**

Parent Signature

6. I am willing to keep in contact with the honors/AP teacher and Edline to monitor my child's academic progress.

Parent Signature

7. I want my child to enroll in honors/AP courses because we value scholarship and a rigorous education.

Parent Signature

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Phone number (s)

Email address (s)