



2022 Summer Reading

Honors English 1: Honors World Literature

All incoming 9th graders take Honors English 1

Rationale:

This year's HWL summer reading assignment prepares students for analysis of style and the impact of specific literary devices. It asks students to engage critically with a novel that will serve as the foundation for plot analysis as well as a spring-board into world literature and study of archetypes.

We will be working with the books listed below throughout the first semester. Please purchase a **hard copy** of each book **or** contact the front desk at the Bonds Wilson Campus to borrow a copy of *Things Fall Apart*.

Required: Read Chinua Achebe's *Things Fall Apart*. Mark 10 significant passages/quotations. (50 points)

Directions: As you read, choose **10 passages** from throughout the book (from several sentences to a paragraph in length) which attract your attention to critical aspects of the work: the language, insight into a character, world knowledge, universal truths, symbolism, humor, or literary devices (characterization, irony, figurative language, mood, tone, and theme).

Mark these passages with a sticky note, highlighter, or some other consistent visual aid. We will work on annotating your selected passages during the year; however, you are encouraged to begin taking notes on *why* you mark these passages over the summer, as it will help you with the coursework when we begin class.

You will have a **quiz** on the novel within the first two weeks of school.

Optional but encouraged: Read Rudolpho Anaya's *Bless Me, Ultima*.

We will read and work closely with *Bless Me, Ultima* during the first 9 weeks. You may find that you benefit from reading the novel in advance in order to account for the demands on your time during the school year. Another approach is to read it over the summer and then refresh your reading once we assign it in class. Consider what approach works best for you.

Authenticity Statement:

Completing your own reading and identification of significant passages is the best way to come to know the text and experience your own unique insights and understanding.

Your selections and (optional) notes must be your own, independent work; do not collaborate with others or rely on online resources such as study guides. Begin developing your own understanding and analysis of the text(s).