

10th Grade Honors English Students:

Welcome! All students who will be taking 10th Grade Honors English during the 2013-2014 school year are required to read five books before the school year begins. These selections represent both classical and contemporary world literature.

Required reading for every student:

1. Epic: *King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table* by Roger Lancelyn Green

Choose one from each pair below:

2. Greek Mythology (Choose one):

Heroes, Gods and Monsters of the Greek Myths by Bernard Evslin

D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire

3. Fiction (Choose one):

The Good Earth by Pearl S. Buck

Life of Pi by Yann Martel

4. Personal Quest (Choose one and see assignment below):

The Tao of Pooh by Benjamin Hoff

The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho

5. Drama (Choose one):

Cyrano de Bergerac by Edmond Rostand

The Oedipus Trilogy (*Oedipus the King*, *Oedipus at Colonus*, and *Antigone*)
by Sophocles

You will be evaluated on your reading of these texts when you return to school in September. It would be a good idea to take notes as you read, especially on the King Arthur and Greek myth books, in order to keep the main characters and events clear in your mind.

Writing Requirement: After reading your selection from category #4 (Personal Quest), write a reflection paper in which you relate one of the ideas from the book to your life. Explain the idea itself, its place in the book, and its connection to some aspect of your life. Use at least one direct quotation and use MLA format. The paper should be one typed page. **It is due on the first day of class.**

Happy reading and reflecting!

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