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Welcome to Junior English, both Honors and AP:

Below you will find the 2013-2014 summer **reading and writing assignments** for both Junior Honors and Junior AP English Language and Composition. As you review the list, you will notice the works are fairly contemporary, and that you have some choices, among which are two non-fiction categories. There is also a summer **writing assignment**, which is to be emailed to the address below **before** the school year begins—**no later than July 31**.

Your letter will be graded and returned to you the first week of class. During that week we will assess the below readings in a variety of ways.

All Students Read:

The Things They Carried, by Tim O'Brien

Choose one from American Biography/Memoir:

Into the Wild, by Jon Krakauer

The Glass Castle, by Jeannette Walls

Choose one from Difficult Issues/Life and Death:

The Last Lecture, by Randy Pausch

Tuesdays With Morrie, by Mitch Albom

Choose one from Fiction/Unusual Perspectives:

Catcher in the Rye, by J.D. Salinger

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

****Writing Assignment—must be emailed to ahsdsummerwrite@gmail.com no later than 07/31/13:**

Write a one-page, typed, double-spaced **letter** to me in which you introduce yourself **without** **listing your accomplishments and/or activities**. I know you are a junior. I know you are taking my class. Tell me who you are.

This assignment is based on a college-admission essay prompt and is designed to provide a first impression of you as an individual, a writer, and a student.

Because it is a letter, it **does not need to have an MLA heading**, but it does need to be typed and double-spaced and no more than one page in length. Use this assignment as an opportunity to showcase your writing abilities, language usage, and creativity.

Looking forward to a dynamic year,