

10th Honors Literature and Composition
Summer Reading Activity
2018 – 2019 Centennial HS

Students are expected to bring both the texts and the completed assignments to school with them no later than Thursday, August 9, 2018.

Nonfiction: *On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft*, Stephen King (required)

Nonfiction Assignment – Choose/ Identify three writing techniques or processes from the book that you have never used or been introduced to. Then, type a one paged (double spaced) reflection on how you could/ will apply this to your writing in the future to improve as a writer. **This assignment must be completed and printed out to hand in by August 9, 2018.**

Fiction: Choose one of the novels below.

1. *Catch 22*, Joseph Heller [satirical/ historical]
2. *The Handmaid's Tale*, Margaret Atwood [dystopian]
3. *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, Zora Neale Hurston [psychological/ quest]
4. *Winter's Bone*, Daniel Woodrell [domestic/ thriller]

Fiction Assignment: Perform a close reading of the book you choose. In recent years, several of these texts have become pop culture phenomenons. **However, remember that there are artistic licenses that can be taken in film that often do not exist in literature and because of that, books tend to differ (sometimes greatly) from their cinematic counterparts. When you return to school and discussion about your summer readings begins, it will be clear almost immediately whether you have read the text or simply watched the movie/series. Please, do yourself a favor and read the book!** While you read, annotate by underlining or highlighting your favorite passages, important moments, pose questions, and define unknown words. Make notes in the margin about themes, topics, imagery, figurative language, etc. that the author utilizes. Use the annotation guide handout to better understand how in depth your annotations should be. If you do not purchase your book and borrow it from the library or elsewhere you may use post it notes. If you purchase an electronic copy of the book you can make enotes throughout your text. **You must bring your annotations with you by August 9, 2018, for grading.**

Disclaimers: Although all the fiction choices provided are “Honors-worthy” and will be of great benefit to your student in the future as they progress through Honors and AP English courses, some of the books have adult situations and sexual content. Please take some time to review your child’s choice with them. If the book does not meet your approval, **please email jacksonxi@fultonschools.org by July 1st** so that I can select another novel for them.