

AP English
Summer Reading Assignments
2010-2011

Those planning to take AP English for the 2010-2011 academic year are required to read the following:

The Road, by Cormac McCarthy
Their Eyes Were Watching God, by Zora Neale Hurston

Assignments:

1. You are required to make a set of book notes for one of the two novels. Book notes should contain the following elements for each chapter:

- Significant events (keep this to only the most significant)
- Characters and traits: change or add to these as characters develop over the course of the book
- Symbols
- Big ideas/themes (these may not turn up in the first chapters)
- Key quotes (choose an average of two per chapter)

You should arrange your book notes in a chapter-by-chapter fashion.

2. Annotate the second novel (the one for which you did not do book notes). What are annotations? Annotation is a method for studying the artistic and literary elements of a work of literature. As you read, watch for key words or phrases, symbols, metaphors, character development or traits, evocative images, foreshadowing, patterns or motifs, and potential thematic ideas. You may also provide personal commentary. Underline or circle these elements as you read, and provide remarks or thoughts in the margin. "Interacting" with the text in this way makes you a better and more careful reader. Books will be collected at some point in the first two weeks of school.

Assessment:

I will be assessing your reading in a number of formats in the first weeks of school, so be prepared when you arrive! If you do not complete the assignment, your spot in the class is not guaranteed.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER, AND ENJOY YOUR READING!

Mrs. Fauver