

Welcome to Junior English,

Below you will find the 2011 summer **reading and writing assignments** for both Junior Honors and AP English Language and Composition. The choices are deliberately contemporary and include two non-fiction genres. During the school year, Honors students will be reading five novels, written from 1850-1940, as well as numerous short-stories, poems, and excerpts of early American Literature.

Note that your writing assignment is due by August 15th. My plan is to grade your letters and hand them back on the first day of class. Come to class having read the selections. You will be assessed in a variety of ways during the first week of school.

All Students Read:

The Things They Carried, by Tim O'Brien

Choose One from Contemporary American Biography/Memoir:

Into the Wild, by Jon Krakauer

The Glass Castle, by Jeannette Walls

Choose One from Non-Fiction/Difficult Issues:

The Last Lecture, by Randy Pausch

Tuesdays With Morrie, by Mitch Albom

Chose One from Fiction/Individual Perspectives:

Catcher in the Rye, by J.D. Salinger

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

Required Writing (Due no later than August 15, 2011):

You are to **compose and mail (via snail mail) a one-page, typed, double-spaced letter** to Ms. Page c/o Abington Heights High School, 222 Noble Road, Clarks Summit, PA 18411. In this letter, you are to introduce yourself to me. The tone of the letter can be casual, yet remember your audience and occasion: a student writing to an English teacher. This letter will be my first impression of your writing skills and writer's voice. Use it as an opportunity to engage me.

Looking forward to a dynamic class,
Your English Teacher