

To senior Honors students:

All students who will be taking 12th grade Honors English during the 2011-12 school year must complete the reading assignments listed below before the school year begins.

These books will be available at a variety of prices through a range of publishers. All local bookstores cooperate with the school district and purchase multiple copies of the texts for purchase by our students. One such bookstore is Border's near the Viewmont Mall. Another option is Amazon.com for new and used editions. The Scranton and Abington Libraries also have several of these titles available. Please **read the full texts**, rather than abridged options for each title.

These titles are recognized as texts which college-bound students should read. They represent important concepts in British literature which will enrich your understanding and inspire meaningful class discussion. While they should present some challenge, they should also allow you hours of enjoyable summer reading.

**Required reading for all students:**

- *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley
- *A Passage to India* by E.M. Forster
- *Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt

**Select one:**

- *The Return of the Native* by Thomas Hardy
- *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen

**Select one:**

- *About a Boy* by Nick Hornby
- *The Remains of the Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro

You will be tested on these books the second day of the 2011-12 school year. In order to prepare for this test, I recommend that you take notes on your reading and review them during the week prior to the start of school next September. I look forward to working with you next year as we explore these and other literary works.

Sincerely,

Honors English Teacher