

Pre-IB English 10
Summer Reading 2008

Hello new pre-IB English students!

Pre-IB English 10 promises to be a rigorous yet rewarding course. I hope you are looking forward to next year as much as I am. To prepare you for the course I would like you to complete the following summer reading assignments:

1. **Read the following novels:**

- *Catcher in the Rye* by JD Salinger
- *Big Fish* by Daniel Wallace
- *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding (there is no assignment with this title. Read it and enjoy it; we'll work with it 2nd semester)

2. **Complete the following assignments for the summer reading titles:**

Catcher in the Rye

- Record 3 quotes in which Holden's red hat appears in the novel. For each quote, explain in 3-5 sentences what Holden's red hat symbolizes and how it helps build the theme of loneliness. Refer to key words from each quote in each of your explanations. **Due Wednesday, 8/27**
- Look at Salinger's writing techniques. Find one passage you think exhibits how he uses syntax (sentence structure), another that shows how he uses diction (word choice) and a 3rd that shows how he uses imagery. For each passage discuss in 8-10 sentences how he uses that particular technique and what you think its use contributes to his writing and the novel.
Due Tuesday, 9/2

Big Fish

- Find and record at least three quotes that characterize Edward Bloom, the protagonist of *Big Fish*. For each quote, explain in 3-5 sentences what is revealed about Edward. Refer to key words from each quote in your explanations.
Due Tuesday, 9/2
- Complete the epic conventions capture sheet. **Due Tuesday, 8/26**

Both Novels

- As you read the novels, look for passages that stand out. For example, look for passages that contain the following: imagery, similes/metaphors, foreshadowing, symbols, motifs, support for a major theme, irony, conflict, personification, point of view, characterization, tone, or other familiar literary elements. Mark the pages so you can come back to them in August. Find at least 2 passages for each novel.
Due Monday, 8/25

Required Materials for 2008-2009:

- Colored pencils - 12 color package minimum. Target sells a 72 pencil set for about \$5.
- Notebook for notes and handouts

Optional Materials for 2008-2009:

- A good grammar reference. I suggest *Woe is I: The Grammarphobe's Guide to Better English in Plain English*. *Eats, Shoots and Leaves: The Zero Tolerance Approach to Punctuation* is also good.
- A dictionary of literary terms.
- Your own copies of the books you'll be reading next year. It is helpful to have your own copies to annotate and work with. The texts we'll work with next year are *The Odyssey (Homer)*, *Fahrenheit 451 (Ray Bradbury)*, *1984 (George Orwell)*, *Kitchen (Banana Yoshimoto)*, *Henry IV, Part 1 (William Shakespeare)*, and *Things Fall Apart (Chinua Achebe)*.

Enjoy your summer and take the time to do things you won't have time for once school starts again. The upcoming year will be a challenging one, but also rewarding and beneficial and, maybe at times, fun. Enjoy your summer assignments, take the time to do them well and if you have any questions or comments during the summer please don't hesitate to email me at Kathryn_E_Peluso@mcpsmd.org.

Sincerely,

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