

Pre-IB English 9
Summer Reading 2008

Hello new pre-IB English students!

Pre-IB English 9 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:**

- *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros
- *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card

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

The House on Mango Street

- Choose two objects from the novel. Draw a picture of each object (you will not be graded on artistic ability) and in 3-5 sentences explain how they serve an important purpose in the novel. **Due Wednesday, 8/27**
- Select three minor characters from the novel. In a 7-8 sentence paragraph for each character, explain how the character differs from Esperanza (the protagonist), what you think the character represents and how the character contributes to the novel as a whole. Be specific in your explanations. **Due Tuesday, 9/2**

Ender's Game

- List reasons why you think Card used the title *Ender's Game*. **Due Tuesday, 9/2**
- From the novel, select and write down 7-10 quotes that reflect significant moments. Discuss why the quote is important and how it connects to the overall plot. **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 September. 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 *Of Mice and Men* (John Steinbeck), *Antigone* (Sophocles), *To Kill a Mockingbird* (Harper Lee), *Great Expectations* (Charles Dickens), *Romeo and Juliet* (William Shakespeare), and *Lord of the Flies* (William Golding).

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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