

# Honors 10 Summer Work

Welcome to 10<sup>th</sup> grade Honors English. All of us are excited to work with each one of you in developing your reading, writing, speaking, and thinking skills. We made some changes to the summer work, and hopefully, this letter will clarify any concerns and questions.

## Is there required summer reading?

Summer reading is **not** required, but it is highly **recommended**. Reading academic novels is essential in developing your reading, writing, and critical thinking skills – key aspects that will help to gain success during your 10<sup>th</sup> grade year. We provided a link that offers a suggested list of novels:

[http://www.uhlibrary.net/pdf/college\\_board\\_recommended\\_books.pdf](http://www.uhlibrary.net/pdf/college_board_recommended_books.pdf).

## What will happen if a student doesn't read over the summer?

Grade-wise, nothing. However, when students don't read challenging books on a regular basis, their academic abilities often start to "level out" and they no longer see progress. In our experience teaching both Honors and Advanced Placement, we have found that students who read many books – and who read because they *want* to – can think more deeply and express themselves more maturely through writing.

## Do you have any questions?

To summarize, you are not **required** to do any summer work. However, if you have any questions, feel free to contact Mr. Junn ([rjunn@egusd.net](mailto:rjunn@egusd.net)). Due to the summer schedule, there might be a delay on the response, but we will do the best we can.

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