

10P Summer Reading Assignment

Welcome to All Members of the 2013—2014 English 10P Class.

I am very excited to meet all of you, and I am looking forward to our upcoming year together. Rather than wait until September to get started, I am offering a summer assignment to give you an early taste of the year ahead.

First, please read John Steinbeck's novel, Grapes of Wrath. It's a classic, widely acclaimed, but also sometimes banned for its strong ideas and critical stance toward certain aspects of American society. Although written during the time of the Great Depression, this powerful book will seem relevant to your own era, I predict, in many ways.

THEN ALSO CHOOSE A SECOND NOVEL FROM THE ATTACHED READING LIST.

Let me say in very clear and certain terms that I expect you to read Grapes of Wrath entirely on your own, with no help from outside sources such as online sites like Spark Notes, or other students' notes, or previously done work from former 10P students or siblings, for instance. Using ANY help—even from a conversation with each other—MUST BE CITED in any work you will do throughout the year.

Over the summer, while you are reading Grapes of Wrath, **PLEASE PREPARE A READING LOG. Please follow this format. (You may not need all three "bullet categories" mentioned below for every chapter, but this should serve well as a guideline for your log)**

For each chapter:

Chapter # and title

- important observations (could be in bulleted format or paragraphs)
- questions/confusions
- quotes to note

If you want to do "post-its" **IN ADDITION**, you may.

For the SECOND BOOK, which you will select from the attached reading list, there is no written assignment. However, it is probably wise to prepare some notes as you read or when you finish this book since you will be writing about it and/or referencing the book for projects as we begin in the fall.

Finally, please feel free to be in touch over the summer with any questions you may have or just to say hello. Here's my e-mail: kbartscherer@ewsdmail.org

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