

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT 2010 SUMMER READING BISHOP O'CONNELL HIGH SCHOOL

The purpose of our summer reading program is to provide students an opportunity to maintain and sharpen their reading, thinking, and writing skills over the summer months through exposure to quality works of literature.

Students are required to read the assigned works and to annotate each text. In addition, students may wish to take notes that focus on character, theme, plot, setting, point of view, use of language, symbolism, etc. These notes are for the student's personal use only. Students will take a test and/or write an essay on each work during the week of September 6.

*English 3 AP Language and English 4 AP Literature require written assignments for each work. Separate handouts will be distributed by the teacher of each course; students enrolled in English 1 Honors received, by mail, a separate written assignment for Edith Hamilton's *Mythology*.

- English 1** *The Hobbit* by J. R. R. Tolkien
 To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
- English 1 Honors** *The Chosen* by Chaim Potok
 To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
 Mythology by Edith Hamilton (**assigned sections only**)
- English 2** *Night* by Elie Wiesel
 The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho
- English 2 Honors** *Les Miserables* by Victor Hugo (**Fawcett Abridged Edition**)
 Lord of the Flies by William Golding
 Night by Elie Wiesel
- English 3** *Ethan Frome* by Edith Wharton
 October Sky by Homer Hickam, Jr.
- English 3 Honors** *Ethan Frome* by Edith Wharton
 The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane
 A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry
- AP English 3 Lang*** *The Writing Life* by Annie Dillard
 In Cold Blood by Truman Capote
 Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass by Frederick Douglass
 The Lives of a Cell by Lewis Thomas
- English 4** *1984* by George Orwell
 Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

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English 4 Honors *1984* by George Orwell
The Power and the Glory by Graham Greene
Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson

AP English 4 Lit* *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte 4th book from
The Sun Also Rises by Ernest Hemingway designated list
The Turn of the Screw by Henry James