

## **Honors English 10 Summer Assignment 2023**

Welcome to Honors English 10! I am looking forward to meeting you all in the Fall - if we have not met already - but in the meantime (this Summer), we can start our students of English Language and Literature together. The following instructions make up the summer assignment for this class, which will give us the chance to share common ideas, engage in interesting literature, and get a feel for the components of the class before the start of the school year.

### **Phase 1: Find a Book (\*See bottom of page for clarifications on book requirements\*)**

1. Spend some time looking for a book that you believe you will enjoy and find interesting. There are a few helpful resources below if you struggle to find captivating novels:
  - [www.whichbook.net](http://www.whichbook.net) (use this site and its sliders to narrow your search based on textual/plot/character elements *you like* in a book)
  - [www.goodreads.com](http://www.goodreads.com) (you may need to quickly create a free account, but this is a helpful resource for finding books that are *similar to those you have already read*)
2. Obtain the Book
  - This is the exciting part! Maybe it's a book you already have at home or one you need to acquire somehow. If acquisition is necessary, consider the following options and identify the one that is the most feasible and necessary for you:
    - A bookstore like Barnes and Noble will have most books if you are willing to *pay the full retail price* for a new novel.
    - Used bookstores like 2nd and Charles near the Dave and Buster's off of Hall Road by M-53 will have a wide variety of *used and new books at reasonable prices*, sometimes as low as \$1.50!
    - Websites like [www.thriftbooks.com](http://www.thriftbooks.com) and [www.betterworldbooks.com](http://www.betterworldbooks.com) have used books starting *as low as \$3 or \$4*, with the latter contributing to charitable book donations as well.
    - The library, if the price you'd like to pay for a new book is *free!*

### **Phase 2: Join the Class Remind**

1. Join the Honors English 10 Class Remind using the following information:
  - Text the class code @h10lcn to 81010
  - OR -
  - Go to <https://www.remind.com/join/h10lcn>

2. As you join the Remind and start choosing your initial books, send me a message with the following information *before June 26th*:
  - Your name
  - The title and author of your first chosen book
  - Your favorite food and why you like it so much

**Phase 3: Read your book and check the class Remind for weekly updates.**

1. As each week of the Summer begins, I will send out a message with something to target and send to me regarding your personal reading. Each weekly message will contain a modeled example from me as I read my own book(s). *We will start on Monday, June 26th*, to give ample time after the end of this school year (11 Days) for you all to get books in your hands.
2. As each week passes, you will have that time to - hopefully - send me your book findings before the next reading target comes out on the following Monday.

**Phase 4: Onto the next one!**

1. Should you finish your first book, cycle back to Phase 1 and start again with a new one. We will be working throughout the whole summer, and each week's Remind "prompt" will be different; you will be able to enjoy a new story and consider different elements as you go!
2. Keep track of the number of books you read this Summer **AND** the number of pages in each. More information on this to come...

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\* Book Criteria Clarification\*

- All books chosen for this summer work must have plotlines. Fiction is preferred, but non-fiction could have its place as well. Essentially, no woodworking manuals or bird books from the National Audubon Society, for example, as these will make your work much more difficult or almost impossible.
- All books chosen should be age-appropriate. This pertains mostly to reading level. You will be able to find lexile levels for some books, but this can be difficult. You should, however, be able to easily determine which books meet your own reading level and which ones do not.

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Enjoy your Summer and your reading!

- Mr. Wenzel