

Hampton Bays High School - AP Seminar - Summer Reading Assignment

Dear Students:

Happy Summer Break! Congratulations on making it into AP Seminar.

Did you know that students who read over the summer greatly increase their chances of performing well in school and also on important exams such as Regents and SAT tests? Studies have proven that the more students read, the better they do in every single subject area. Also, since you've been selected for this Advanced Placement course you will be moving at a faster pace and covering more advanced information than other 10th grade students.

That being the case, here is your assignment for summer break. In preparation for next year, you will be reading the novel *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury.

Along with reading this book, please complete the accompanying study guide for all parts of the book. The study guide has been assigned to you in Google Classroom. We expect you to complete these study guides on your own. Do not use internet guides or other people to complete these study guides. All students will be required to submit their study guides to turnitin.com when you get to school in September.

During the first week of school in the fall, we will be having a Socratic Seminar discussion which will count as an assessment grade for you. During this discussion you will be exploring several thematic ideas with your classmates. You will also discuss the specific themes that form from these thematic ideas over the course of the text. For example, in the novel *Of Mice and Men* one thematic idea may be "Friendship." After reading the book you may come to the conclusion that one theme is "Sometimes friends have to make difficult decisions that lead to pain and suffering of their friends for the good of their friend." So a theme is a specific and focused statement that comes from a thematic idea. On Classroom use the Thematic Idea Tracking Tool to keep track of specific quotes from the book that you feel connect with the four thematic ideas we will be exploring. This will help you guide your thoughts and comments during the discussion.

You will also be taking an exam to test your general knowledge of the entire novel, which will also count as an assessment grade.

Have a great time reading and don't hesitate to email Ms. Spota or Mr. Dulfon over the summer!! We are looking forward to finding out how you enjoyed the book and to hear your thoughts during the seminar discussion in September!!

Sincerely,

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