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Dear Parents and West Hempstead Honors and AP students,

Attached is a list of the 2009 **REQUIRED** Summer Reading Program selections for the **Honors and AP levels** (9HI, 10H, 11H, 11AP Language, 12H, and 12AP Literature). Students in grades 9 and 10 have ONE required selections; grades 11 and 12 have TWO required selections.

Each of the books has been carefully chosen by the teachers in the high school English department and will be discussed in class during quarter one.

The assignments for each selection are **mandatory** and will be collected on the first day of class. All students will be tested on Monday, September 14th. The list and assignments can be downloaded from the District Website – www.whufsd.com. It is important that students complete these assignments personally and not download information from a computer site or use Spark notes to answer questions or to compile information for a chart.

It is the English department's desire to promote the skill of close independent reading through these assignments. Proficiency in this skill is a desired exit – outcome of our English program and for students attending competitive level college programs, close reading is a necessity.

We thank you for your cooperation with and participation in our Summer Reading Program 2009.

Enjoy the summer.

Best Wishes,

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The following is a list of summer 2009 reading selections by course:

- 9HI** The Clan of the Cave Bear by Jean Auel
Students read and complete Literature Review Sheets
- 10H** The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd
Students read and complete questions.
- 11H** Short Stories by E.A. Poe
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
Students read BOTH and complete questions.
- 11AP** Short Stories by E.A. Poe
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
Students read BOTH and complete questions AND non fiction assignment.
- 12H** Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
Students read BOTH and complete writing assignment.
- 12AP** All the Pretty Horses by Cormac McCarthy
Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte
Students read BOTH and complete writing assignment.
Students MUST write College Essay