

June 2016

Dear Future Honors Freshmen English Students:

We are pleased that you have made the commitment to challenge yourself by registering for 9 Honors Literature and Composition for the next school year. This letter welcomes you to an academic program that encourages students to learn at an accelerated pace.

To prepare for this class, students must complete required reading over the summer. Please note that the 9 Basic and 9 Lit and Comp classes have a list to choose from for summer reading this year; however, **the following pieces of literature are required for students in 9 Honors:**

Read the two books listed below before the first day of school as you will be expected to know these selections immediately, expecting tests and/or essays within the first week of class:

The Good Earth
The Book Thief

by Pearl S. Buck
by Markus Zusak

Read both of the following books before the first day of second semester:

Animal Farm
*The Curious Incident of the Dog
in the Night-time*

by George Orwell
by Mark Haddon

Readings must be completed **before** the first day of each semester. *These texts will be the basis for classroom discussions, activities, tests and writing assignments.* Students are expected to **not only read, but also to think critically** about the texts.

The books are available online and at most libraries and bookstores. Please know that any mature content or language appearing in the books will be discussed in class with thought and sensitivity.

We look forward to meeting you during the next school year! We hope you enjoy the readings and that you share your reading adventures with your friends and your family.

Sincerely,
Troy High English Department