

May 24, 2010

**Dear student:**

We are pleased to welcome you to Honors English III for the 2010-2011 school year. We will be studying American literature in the class, with an emphasis on analytical and formal essay writing.

We'd like you to do the following reading assignments during the summer. Required reading is *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain and *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald. While both are considered American classics, they offer different views of American society in the 1850s and 1920s. You should be prepared to take a quiz on both *Huck Finn* and *The Great Gatsby* within the first three days of school.

In addition, you must select one of the books from the choice list located below. Please take time to look over the list carefully. You will be asked to complete a variety of assignments on this novel when your class begins.

We've notified Barnes and Noble in Mt. Pleasant that these books have been assigned; they will be ordering extra copies of them. Of course, you also can find the books at your local library. If you would like to borrow a book from the school, please see Ms. Armel in H-117 or Mrs. Watkins in F-202 by June 3.

We look forward to studying American literature with you next year.

**Sincerely,**

*Cherie Armel*

*Tamela K. Watkins*

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Wando High School English teachers**

## **Honors English III Summer Reading List For 2010-2011 School Year**

**Required Reading:**

Fitzgerald, F. Scott. *The Great Gatsby*

Twain, Mark. *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*

**Choose one of the following novels:**

Alvarez, Julia. *In the Time of the Butterflies*

Capote, Truman. *In Cold Blood*

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Gaines, Ernest J. *A Lesson Before Dying*  
Hemingway, Ernest. *To Whom the Bell Tolls*  
Kingsolver, Barbara. *The Bean Trees*  
Malamud, Bernard. *The Natural*  
McCarthy, Cormac. *All the Pretty Horses*  
O'Brien, Tim. *The Things They Carried*  
Steinbeck, John. *East of Eden*  
Styron, William. *Sophie's Choice*  
Tan, Amy. *The Joy Luck Club*  
Wharton, Edith. *The Age of Innocence*  
Wouk, Herman. *The Caine Mutiny*  
Wright, Richard. *Native Son*