

# English I Academic

## Summer Reading 2011

### Welcome Freshmen!

You are asked to read one novel this summer. One novel is required of all freshmen in Academic classes. Additionally, you are required to type a response to your reading based on the assignment below. The class will discuss the novel to evaluate your understanding.

Each journal should be typed and double-spaced on standard 8.5 x 11 paper with a 12 pt. font. All entries must have a heading in the upper right-hand corner with your name, this course name and Summer Reading on separate lines. Bring the journal responses with your book to the first full day of class (if you did not borrow it), (not Freshmen Orientation). You will be expected to discuss this novel in class and take a quiz on the required novel. You will receive a grade for responses based on content, focus, spelling, punctuation, grammar, and ability to follow directions.

**Required Reading:** *Whirligig* by Paul Fleischman

A whirligig is a small windmill.

Each chapter is a different location and time. It will make sense after reading a few chapters.

Assignment #1: Inner Conflict (20 points)

Brent's physical journey reflects an emotional journey, also. Explain how Brent matures as a result of his mistakes by completing his court-required sentence. Type a one page response using supporting examples from various chapters to explain your reasoning.

Assignment #2: Description and Theme (20 points)

Choose one of the four whirligigs designed and created by Brent. Describe it and explain how it reflects the theme of spreading joy to keep a deceased person's spirit alive.