

English I Honors

Summer Reading 2011

Welcome Freshmen!

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

Each journal response should be typed and double-spaced on standard 8.5 x 11 inch 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 as the title on separate lines. Bring the journals with your book to class (unless you borrowed a book) on the first full day of class (not Freshmen Orientation). You will be expected to discuss this novel in class and take a quiz after some discussion of the required reading. You will receive a grade for responses based on content, focus, spelling, punctuation, grammar, and ability to follow directions.

Required Reading: *A Walk Across America* by Peter Jenkins

Assignment #1: Character Sketch (20 points)

After Reading *A Walk Across America*, choose one character that the protagonist meets on his journey and write a one-page description of him/her. The description should include, to the best of your knowledge, the basic information of his name, approximate age, and a physical description. Additionally, provide your reading audience with information about the character's actions, interests and motivations. Also, does this character have any outstanding qualities as a person or is he/she filled with flaws? Give examples from the novel to support any and all beliefs about his person.

Assignment #2: Research (20 points)

1. Draw and color a map of the main character's journey along the eastern seaboard.
2. Research one of the states on the journey. Find the capital; the current governor; the current senators; the state flower; the state bird, and the state motto.
3. You must cite your source using the MLA style.

Assignment #3: Conflict (20 Points)

Two types of conflict in fiction are: 1.) Man vs. Man and 2.) Man vs. Nature. Choose one type of conflict and write a three (3) paragraph essay showing the conflict in the novel and an example of how you or someone you know handled a similar conflict.