

HONORS SOPHOMORE SUMMER READING 2009

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1. All written assignments are due on **Tuesday, August 11 at the beginning of class.** Each one counts as a major grade worth 100 points. **No late work will be accepted.**
2. Type and double-space all work. Use one-inch margins and Verdana 10 or Times Roman 12 font.
3. Points will be deducted for incorrect spelling, grammar, and paragraph structure.
4. Your name and page number should appear at the top right margin of each page.
5. Save all work on your computer or on a flash drive or disk.
6. Purchase, borrow, or check out from a library a copy of each of the following novels, and read each one before school begins.

**Novels to be read:**

*A Separate Peace* by John Knowles

*Rocket Boys* by Homer Hickam

*A Summer Life* by Gary Soto

7. **Before you read** each novel, complete the following assignment for each one:
  - A. Research the author, and write one paragraph (6-8 sentences) about his background and what inspired him to write the novel.
8. **As you read** each novel, complete the following assignment for each one:
  - B. List 25 words from the novel with which you are unfamiliar. Using a dictionary, define and use each word in an original sentence.
9. **After you read** each novel, complete the following assignments for each one:
  - C. Choose three passages from the novel that you find significant to its overall effect or that apply to your own personal experience.
  - D. Type each passage with quotation marks and page numbers (using MLA citations). Each passage should be several sentences long.
  - E. Follow each passage with a paragraph (6-8 sentences), explaining in your own words, how and why the passage is important in furthering the conflict, climax, resolution, or overall theme or motifs of the novel.

Note: In addition to these assignments, you will also be **tested in class** on the content of each novel, beginning on **Tuesday, August 11.**