

Summer Assignment - Honors Introduction to Literature & Composition

Dear incoming UHS Freshmen,

Welcome! I am excited to have you in my Honors Introduction to Literature and Composition class, and I look forward to getting to know all of you.

Part of being in an Honors Literature class at Ursuline involves rigorous reading, writing, and research during the school year as well as some independent reading and writing during the summer.

Here are your reading requirements:

- “A Raisin in the Sun” by Lorraine Hansberry
- Farewell to Manzanar by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston & James Houston
- Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
- The Bean Trees by Barbara Kingsolver

For your summer reading assignment, please enjoy each of the four books listed above and complete the reading log attachment for each novel. After you receive your Ursuline email and password, please join my Google Classroom page with the code: k6jz5eq.

Please submit the first 2 reading logs to my Google Classroom page by **July 15th**. You may choose whichever two books you would like to begin with, and please type the responses on the Google Docs posted on our classroom page. Be sure to hit “turn in” when you are finished. When we meet in the fall, you will turn in the remaining 2 reading logs, and we will engage in various discussions and assessments over these texts. Expect an essay test when school begins. Keep in mind that this summer work makes up a substantial portion of your first quarter grade.

Additional notes:

Keep in mind that each of these novels aims to teach you something, and you are required to demonstrate your skills in reading comprehension, writing, literary analysis, and critical thinking. Put in your best effort in completing these assignments. You should write in complete sentences, and be sure to edit/revise for proper capitalization, punctuation, sentence structure, and spelling. Your responses to the reading logs should be well-written and fully developed. While some responses may only require a sentence or two, there are several that should be written in a complete paragraph.

Remember - You should be completing these reading assignments and written responses without the assistance of the internet or literary notes of any kind. Please be sure to complete the work independently and submit your own original work.

Reading is most enjoyed when you are able to forget that someone is asking you to read a book. Therefore, begin each text with the notion that you want to read these books because they will further develop your language skills and make you more well-rounded.

Please feel free to email me over the summer if you have any questions about your assignment. I am here to help! My email is mpreston@youngstowndiocese.org.