

English II Honors Criteria

REQUIRED READING:

1. *The Scarlett Letter* - Nathaniel Hawthorne

In *The Scarlet Letter*, adulteress Hester Prynne must wear a scarlet A to mark her shame. Her lover, Arthur Dimmesdale, remains unidentified and is wracked with guilt, while her husband, Roger Chillingworth, seeks revenge.

2. *Cold Sassy Tree* - Olive Ann Burns

On July 5, 1906, Rucker Blakeslee announces that he intends to marry Miss Love Simpson, a hat-maker at his store who is years younger than he. This news shocks his family, since his wife Mattie Lou died only three weeks earlier. Rucker's daughters worry about what the gossips of Cold Sassy, Georgia, will think of their father's impropriety.

3. One title from the Suggested Reading List.

* A Novel Overview Form must be completed for each book.

Novel Overview Forms were given to each student with the summer reading list. Novel Overview Forms will also be available all summer during school office hours, and on the school web site. A drop in letter grade will occur each day the form is overdue beginning with the first day of school.

Parents/Students please note:

- * Please initial each title when your student completes the book listed.
- * The library will be open on **Thursdays from 9AM -12NOON beginning June 11th**, for students to check out books, pick up Novel Overview Forms, and take AR quizzes.
- * **Summer points will apply toward first AR Term.**
- * **SIGN IN AT THE MAIN OFFICE WHEN TAKING "AR" QUIZZES.**
- * Books may be checked out for 1 week through the summer.
- * Add any additional books you read to your log, even if they are not on the suggested list.

SUGGESTED READING LIST:

TITLE	AUTHOR
A Painted House	John Grisham
Catch 22	Joseph Heller
A Farewell to Arms	Ernest Hemingway
The Sun Also Rises *	Ernest Hemingway
For Whom the Bell Tolls *	Ernest Hemingway
Portrait of a Lady	Henry James
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest	Ken Kesey
The Secret Life of Bees *	Sue Monk Kidd
The Poisonwood Bible	Barbara Kingsolver
Into Thin Air	Jon Krakauer
Main Street	Lewis Sinclair
In Country	Bobbie Ann Mason
Moby Dick *	Herman Melville
Gone With the Wind *	Margaret Mitchell
The Things They Carried	Tim O'Brien
A Good Man is Hard to Find	Flannery O'Conner
Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All American Meal	Eric Schlosser
The Grapes of Wrath *	John Steinbeck
The Winter of Our Discontent	John Steinbeck
Love is Eternal	Irving Stone
Walden	Henry Thoreau
Driving Miss Daisy	Alfred Uhry
The Color Purple	Alice Walker
The Glass Menagerie	Tennessee Williams

* denotes AR Titles

Sizzlin' Hot Breakfast.....4 Books

* The required reading plus ONE additional book from the suggested reading list qualifies you for the breakfast.

Top in Class.....highest number pages read

Top Class...highest total cumulative pages read