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English II Honors

Summer Reading 2011

Your Summer Reading selections are works that will challenge you, make you think, and that I hope you will enjoy! They are very diverse, so it will give you a chance to try different genres of fiction.

Emma, Jane Austen
A Separate Peace, John Knowles
Antigone, Sophocles

Summer Assignment:

Prepare the following book cards for each novel read this summer. The requirements for the book cards are as follows:

- USE ONLY 5x8 CARDS. Other sizes are not acceptable.
- You may write on the back of the card.
- Card categories:
 - ✓ **Authorial Background:** Where and when born, and major influences. What happened to make him or her write this book? Include other texts this author has written (one card).
 - ✓ **Literary Period/Country:** In what country and city does the novel take place; during what period of history. What was happening in the country, society, and time period that the book was written? (one or two cards)
 - ✓ **Setting:** Time and place. Is the setting significant to the work? Why or why not? (one card)
 - ✓ **Characters:** List the major characters along with details of each. The main character should have a card of his or her own. Use quotations from the text to help describe the characters. Be sure to include traits—good and bad (two to four cards).
 - ✓ **Plot Summary:** Be specific (two to four cards).
 - ✓ **Significant Passage:** Choose a passage from the work that “struck” you as memorable or outstanding. Explain why and relate its significance to the work (one or two cards).

Due Date: All book cards are due on the first day of class. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!