

Senior Level Summer Reading – Summer 2008

“The Literature of Everyday Heroes & Villains”

Norcross High School

Senior Gifted

1. **Beowulf** (Be sure to read Seamus Heaney's translation):
 - Read and annotate text and bring to class on first day of school.
 - Complete the data sheet (in an attachment) on the novel.
2. **On Writing by Stephen King**:
 - Summarize each chapter in a journal form.
 - Each entry will contain the main idea and a specific example.
 - Each entry should not be longer than 200 words.
 - Most entries will be about one paragraph in length.

Procedure:

1. In the topic sentences of each entry, paraphrase the main idea of the chapter
2. Provide a specific example from the chapter
3. Explain how a writer should use the skill or knowledge to increase his or her understanding of the writing process.

Senior College Prep and Honors

All summer reading will be available online in both document and e-text form. Please refer to the following guidelines and have the appropriate text read by the first week of school.

Senior CP:

- Choose 3 out of the 4 online articles to read
- Choose 1 of following short stories about Sherlock Holmes to read. Stories available from:
<http://www.classicreader.com/>
 - “The Adventures of the Blue Carbuncle” by Sir Conan Arthur Doyle
<http://www.classicreader.com/read.php/bookid.56/sec.7/>
 - “The Red-Headed League” by Sir Conan Arthur Doyle
<http://www.classicreader.com/read.php/bookid.56/sec.2/>

Senior Honors:

- Choose 3 out of the 4 online articles to read
- Choose 1 of the 2 following e-text novels to read. Novels available from :
<http://www.classicreader.com/>
 - **The Secret Adversary** by Agatha Christie
<http://www.classicreader.com/booktoc.php/sid.1/bookid.1045/>
 - **The Mysterious Affair at Styles** by Agatha Christie
<http://www.classicreader.com/booktoc.php/sid.1/bookid.947/>