

Tenth Grade Honors 2009 Summer Reading

I congratulate you on accepting the challenge of Tenth Grade Honors English. The sophomore year will introduce you to American Literature. We will build on skills learned in the Ninth Grade Honors English classes and rely heavily on concepts learned in the 10th grade Honors Social Studies courses to make meaningful connections between the changes in writing and culture in America. There will be 2 books you will have to read over the summer. The books and the evaluations of those books are listed below. If you have any concerns, or questions, during the summer about the reading or any requirements in the Honors program, you may email me at my school address: crossans@lcmrschools.com.

Happy Reading and have a safe and joyful summer! Miss Crossan

Required by all 10th Grade Honors students:

I. Students may choose one book from the following list-

The Pine Barrens

By John McPhee

Into The Wild

By Jan Krakauer

Students will be asked to write a 5 paragraph essay when they return to school that analyzes one of the themes in the story they have chosen to read from the above list.

II. Choose one book of your own to read.

I would recommend a contemporary fiction book but you can elect any book that is not required at any other level in our school district. You will keep a journal on this book. The journal should divide the number of pages in your chosen book by 6 and you should write one full page journal reaction after you read each sixth of the book. **Example if your book is 300 pages long you divide that book by 6 and react after reading every 50 pages.** Think of the question: What did I learn by reading this part of the book? Then react in full page writings using what happens in the book to help you with those reactions. This journal writing is due the first day back to school.