



2017 Pre-AP English II Summer Reading

Purpose: In Conroe ISD, we encourage all students to read over the summer in order to enrich learning and provoke thought. Summer reading strengthens reading skills, increases academic achievement, fosters a love for reading, and empowers students to become life-long learners.

Additionally, students who enroll in a Pre AP, AP, or Dual Credit English course are expected to engage in summer reading as it prepares students for the upcoming school year and creates an initial common framework for classroom discussion and instruction.

Summer Reading Assignment:

Read the following novel over the summer:

A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest J. Gaines

As you read, please annotate your book for important details and literary devices. If you cannot write in your book, please make notes for each chapter on a separate notebook or sticky notes.

Annotating is extremely important in high school because it helps you focus and keep track of details of the story. While you are reading, use one or more of these strategies below to mark the book and include your thoughts and questions. Please bring novel and your annotations to class the first day of school. There will be many discussions and assignments for this novel throughout the first quarter.

Requirements for annotations:

1. Underline/highlight important details (character, setting, conflicts, point of view, and figurative language)
2. Write marginal notes to ask questions about important details and write your thoughts on the side.

Suggested annotation strategies:

1. *Star any passages that are important events or messages about life of humanity.
2. Underline any sentences that make you think or appeal to you, and describe your thinking.
3. Circle/highlight words that are unfamiliar, or make a list of them in the back of the book.

Helpful Links:

Amazon: https://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss_2?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=A+Lesson+Before+Dying+

If you are interested in joining us this summer for coffee and a book chat about the novel, sign up to receive notification from Remind 101 by **texting 81010 and entering this message @367a8a**

If you have any questions, please email: jpepper@conroeisd.net, dfoy@conroeisd.net, or smharris@conroeisd.net

Looking forward to a great year-

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