

Summer Reading for Students who will be taking Selected World Literature and Expository Writing

Dear future sophomores at Wilton High School:

Since you will be skipping over the American Experience course, we want you to be prepared for meaningful discussions about these two important American works which you will need to read over the summer. These texts which are important within the American Canon address important topics covered within the WHS English curriculum. It will be helpful to take notes, keeping in mind the important questions below as you read. These questions also provide good preparation for the CAPT test which you will take in the spring. You will be writing about your summer reading when you return to school, so please read these books carefully.

**The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, Mark Twain
**The Crucible*, Arthur Miller

QUESTIONS:

- In an essay about Arthur Miller, the author of The Crucible, John Steinbeck wrote:
{ . . . } A man who is disloyal to his friends could not be expected to be loyal to his country. You can't slice up morals. Our virtues begin at home. They do not change in a courtroom unless the pressure of fear is put upon us."
- While reading The Crucible reflect about this idea of how fear can make people behave in ways that go against their morals. Determine which characters succumb to fear as well as those who rise above it and stand firm to their morals.
- Chronicle the important lessons Huck learns about humanity. Defend: Is Huck a hero, a flawed hero, or an anti-hero?

Grammar Requirements:

You will be expected to demonstrate mastery in parts of speech, complements, phrases and clauses. You are responsible for collecting the grammar packet in Mrs. Klein's room (339) before summer vacation. Following is a list of grammar websites that you might find helpful:

<http://chompchomp.com>
<http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/>
<http://grammar.uoregon.edu/toc.html>
<http://www.uottawa.ca/academic/arts/writcent/hypergrammar/>
<http://members.cox.net/lencol/grammarpractice/>

Enjoy your summer and your summer reading.
Sincerely,

The Wilton High School English Department