

September 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This year in English class your son/daughter will be reading several grade-appropriate pieces of literature that may include certain scenes or language deemed offensive by some. These stories are all part of the high school “canon” of literature, and allow for in-depth thought and analysis. Due to the sporadic use of inappropriate language, sexual content, and/or violence, HFCS requires parental permission to read this material.

If you would like your son/daughter to opt out of reading one or more of these pieces of literature, print/sign this form, identify the material you do not want your child to read, and **return it to your son’s/daughter’s English teacher by September 14th**.

English 7

The Outsiders – Hinton

A Midsummer Night’s Dream

- Shakespeare

A Long Walk to Water – Park

Touching Spirit Bear - Mikaelson

English 8

The Pearl – Steinbeck

Inside Out and Back Again – Lai

Romeo and Juliet – Shakespeare

The Ghost of Spirit Bear – Mikaelson

Elizabeth Street – Fabiano

Tunes for Bears to Dance To

- Cormier

“The Monkey’s Paw” – Jacobs

“The Tell-Tale Heart” – Poe

“The Necklace” – Maupassant

“The Legend of Sleepy Hollow”

- Irving

English 9

To Kill a Mockingbird – Lee

The Glass Castle – Walls

Slaughterhouse-Five – Vonnegut

Othello – Shakespeare

The Things They Carried – O’Brien

The Best American Essays

of the Century – Oats

Lord of the Flies – Golding

The Crucible - Miller

Catcher in the Rye – Salinger

Short Stories - Hughes, Poe

English 10

The Road - McCarthy

Fahrenheit 451 – Bradbury

The Tragedy of Julius Caesar – Shakespeare

The Kite Runner – Hosseini

Of Mice and Men – Steinbeck

The Old Man and the Sea – Hemingway

“Lamb to the Slaughter” - Dahl

“Wild Plums” - Coates

“Dr. Heidegger’s Experiment” - Hawthorne

“Charles” - Jackson

“The Jilting of Granny Weatherall” - Porter

“A Rose for Emily” – Faulkner

“A&P” - Updike

English 11

The Scarlet Letter- Hawthorne

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn - Twain

Stories -Faulkner,

One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest - Kesey

On Walden Pond - Thoreau

Macbeth - Shakespeare

1984 - Orwell

English 12

In Our Time - Hemingway

The Great Gatsby - Fitzgerald

Citizen Kane - Welles

Short

The Grapes of Wrath - Steinbeck

O’Connor, Poe

In Cold Blood - Capote

King Lear - Shakespeare

The Godfather - Coppola

AP English

Frankenstein - Shelley (summer reading)

1984 - Orwell (summer reading)

The Grapes of Wrath - Steinbeck

Poetry, as selected from the Romantics to contemporary short fiction

The Great Gatsby, Fitzgerald

Selections from *Dubliners* - Joyce

Hamlet - Shakespeare

Go Down, Moses - Faulkner

Ethan Frome - Wharton

Tess of the d’Urbervilles - Hardy

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Literature: _____

If you choose to opt your child out of a book, your son/daughter will be assigned an alternative book with alternate assignments, projects, and quizzes to complete. Additional pieces of literature may be added to this list throughout the year.

Please feel free to contact your child's English teacher to discuss these titles at any time.

Sincerely,
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