Honors English 10

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Summer Reading Assignment

**Welcome to Honors English 10!  Reading is essential to your development as a student.  You develop vocabulary, grammar, thinking and analytical skills as you read.  You also develop important human values such as empathy, compassion, and understanding as you enter the world of the characters and confront the challenges and choices they face. Do yourself a favor and read BOOKS this summer!**

**Usually these are required assignments, but due to the uncertainty surrounding remote learning, these are suggested for this summer. Understand that in English 10 Honors, our pace is accelerated and our curriculum is full. You did not read as much as you would have if we had completed the year in a traditional way, so it is really important that you do some reading to keep your skills sharp this summer. I will catch you up with the things you missed at the end of Freshman year, do not worry that you will be unprepared for 10 Honors!**

**I look forward to meeting you (hopefully) in the Fall, or virtually if that is the case!**

**~Ms. Isberg**

Students enrolled in this course should make a **conscious effort** to read **TWO (2)** selections:

1. **Everyone - PLEASE make an effort to read *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck**.  This is a classic American novel by one of our most famous authors.  The story is set during the Great Depression and tells the tragic story of the complex bond between two migrant laborers in Central California. Remember that the story takes place in the 1930s on a ranch, and that the characters act, speak and think the way people would have during that time.  Your job is to enter into their world and try to understand how they experience what happens to them in the story. When we return to school, we will use this text (I have paperback copies there) to review what we know about literary devices and themes.

**It is important that you make the effort to complete this text**. Here is a link to the PDF so you can read it on a device (there are a lot of them on line): <http://giove.isti.cnr.it/demo/eread/Libri/sad/OfMiceAndMen.pdf>

1. **Each of you should pick a second book from the list that is attached**. These are the books that are suggested for all the 9th and 10th graders who attend TF North and Ms. DeSoto has the list linked on the TF North Library page as well. These are current books, and many were written specifically for young adults.  The summaries/reviews provided for each book are from [www.amazon.com](http://amazon.com/) or [www.goodreads.com](http://goodreads.com/). Ideally, we will spend some time discussing these optional reading choices when we return to school.