

Dear Rising Freshman,

Congratulations on completing your school year! To help you prepare for next year's English class, you will be expected to complete a summer reading requirement. When you come to school in the fall, your English teacher will incorporate your summer reading into your class through various methods that may include an essay, a presentation, a creative project and/or a test.

For the 2011/2012 school year, the Freshman English course will be a survey of literary genres. The thematic focus of the course is **analyzing just and unjust relationships**. You will study how this theme is developed through characters and their conflicts. As you read your novel, keep the following questions in mind:

How does a character's social status influence interactions with others?

Analyze the person responsible for the unjust act: What caused the act of injustice? How could it be prevented?

How do characters respond to acts of injustice?

How does a character's worldview affect his/ her response to injustice?

When you read your novel, do so very carefully. You should take notes either in your book (underlining key lines or writing notes in the margin that help you to process the work) or in a composition notebook. Looking for patterns (repeated words, images, references) may be helpful, and you should be sure to mark them. Also, writing chapter-by-chapter plot notes (either in the book at the end of each chapter or in a composition notebook) will enable you to recall the details of each story when you begin English class.

The most important point is to read very carefully and very closely so that you are well prepared to begin your Freshman English class and to take good written notes when you read! If you have any question please feel free to contact Miss Brooker at mbrooker@scs.edu.do.

Have a great summer and we will see you next year!

Freshman Summer Reading: *Choose one of the following:*

The Life of Pi- Yann Martel

Beauty: A Retelling of Beauty and the Beast- Robin McKinley

The Hiding Place- Corrie Ten Boom

The Hobbit J.R.R. Tolkien

The Book Thief Markus Zusak

Sincerely,

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