

SOUTH KINGSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH DEPARTMENT
2015 SUMMER READING REQUIREMENTS

GRADE 10

And this I believe: that the free, exploring mind of the individual human is the most valuable thing in the world. And this I would fight for: the freedom of the mind to take any direction it wishes, undirected. And this I must fight against: any idea, religion, or government which limits or destroys the individual. This is what I am and what I am about. — *East of Eden* by John Steinbeck

All South Kingstown High School students are required to complete summer reading which will be assessed the first week of school. Students who are unsure about which book to select should consult with their librarian, English teacher, or reading specialist, Visit <http://hs.skschools.net/English/Summer Reading> for more information.

Students taking Literature of the Modern World OR Classics of American Literature are to read one book from the list of choices below. There will be a TEST. (Bring notes: they will count as part of your test!)

- 📖 *East of Eden* by John Steinbeck
- 📖 *Ceremony* by Leslie Marmon Silko
- 📖 *A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway
- 📖 *Nightjohn* by Gary Paulsen
- 📖 *The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane
- 📖 *Seedfolks* by Paul Fleischman
- 📖 *Unwind* by Neal Shusterman
- 📖 *Water for Elephants** by Sarah Gruen (2008 Reading Across Rhode Island selection)
*Includes mature content

Honors English 10: American Literature students are to read the two (2) books below,

- 📖 *East of Eden* by John Steinbeck — TEST, NOTES, and ESSAY
- 📖 *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee — TEST, NOTES, and ESSAY

(See separate handout for further guidelines, or visit <http://hs.skschools.net/English/Summer Reading>.)

Assessment: 10th grade students will be assessed on their reading during the first days of school. The test will consist of 40 selected response questions (multiple choice, true/false, matching, and/or character identification). In addition, students are to collect at least nine quotations from the book, relating to either of the following prompts:

- 1) How has this book helped you to understand more about what it means to be an American?
- 2) What does the book tell you about the importance of community?

Record a **minimum of nine** relevant quotations from the novel (including chapter and page numbers) on a graphic organizer while you read. For each quotation, explain briefly how it relates to either prompt. Bring your list of quotations to your English class by the second day of school, as this will count as 20% of the summer reading assessment. A model quotation from *East of Eden* by John Steinbeck is on the graphic organizer below.

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Student Graphic Organizer for Required Summer Reading Essay
(Use the form on back, or create your own on another piece of paper.)

BOOK TITLE: *East of Eden* by John Steinbeck

QUOTATION	RELATIONSHIP OF QUOTATION TO PROMPT
"In the country the repository of art and science was the school, and the schoolteacher shielded and carried the torch of learning and beauty. The schoolhouse was the meeting place for music, for debate. The polls were set in the schoolhouse" (202).	This quotation made me think of how much public education shaped American culture, and how even today schools are still centers of their community.

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YOUR NAME: _____ **BOOK TITLE:** _____

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