

Spring, 2009

Pre-AP English I--Summer Reading Assignment

Welcome to Pre-AP English I. We look forward to working with you during the next school year. During each six-week grading period, students will read a novel and/or conduct research outside of class in addition to in-class instruction. Our literature study will begin this summer with *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding.

Students are **encouraged** to keep a **journal of observations, ideas, and notes as they read**. Some possible prompts are attached to this letter on a separate page to help guide your reading and journal responses. **Students will be required to take an objective exam (multiple-choice, matching, etc.) and write an in-class essay on the novel during the first week of class. Your journal of observations may be used on the in-class essay.**

If possible, students should purchase their own copies of the book. It is an advantage to be able to take notes in the margins and underline or highlight notable passages. Books are available at local bookstores, as well as through on-line retailers (least expensive paperback ISBN:0399501487). There are also a limited number of copies available for students to check out from each high school. These books will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Those interested may contact one of the people listed below, preferably before June 5, 2009.

Signing this document indicates that:

1. **The undersigned has received a copy of the summer reading assignment.**
2. **The undersigned understands that instruction and assessments during the first weeks of school will be based on this reading assignment. Completion of this assignment is necessary for success in this program.**

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact us. Have a good summer!

Cedar Park High School
Cheryl Collins (cheryl.collins@leanderisd.org)

Rouse High School
Lori McDonald (lori.mcdonald@leanderisd.org)

Vista Ridge High School
Lana Troy (lana.troy@leanderisd.org)

Leander High School
Dan Rucker (dan.rucker@leanderisd.org)

Vandegrift High School
Tara Stewart (tara.stewart@leanderisd.org)

I have received the summer reading assignment for Pre-AP English I. I understand the requirements for completion prior to the first day of class, August 24, 2009.

Student name (print) _____ HS Campus I will attend: _____

Student signature _____ Date _____

Return the white copy to the teacher. Keep the yellow copy for your information.