

SOUTH KINGSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH DEPARTMENT
2011 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.

Writing Workshop 10 AND English 10: American Literature students are to read **one (1)** book from the list of choices below.

There will be a **TEST** and an **ESSAY**. (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

The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane

*Water for Elephants** by Sarah Gruen (2008 Reading Across Rhode Island selection)

*Includes mature content

Nightjohn by Gary Paulsen (Writing Workshop 10 only)

Seedfolks by Paul Fleischman (Writing Workshop 10 only)

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: Students will be tested on their summer reading during the first week of school. The test will consist of multiple choice, matching, true/false, and identification questions. Also, each student will write **one** essay using her or notes in response to **either** of the following prompts:

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

To support your essay with well-developed examples, you are to record a **minimum of nine** relevant quotations from the novel (including chapter and page numbers) on a graphic organizer while you read. Make certain to keep an organizer for each novel you read, and bring them to your English class during the first day of school. 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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