



Rochester Adams High School



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Dear Future Highlanders,

Welcome to Honors Language Arts 9 at Rochester Adams High School! I look forward to meeting you and learning together during the 2024-2025 school year. Students must read three books over the summer and complete the assignments for each reading. It's important to actively read these texts since we will analyze and discuss them through various activities this fall.

After reviewing this information, please share it with your parent(s) or guardian(s). If you have any questions, please email me at jpillsbury@rochester.k12.mi.us. You can find more information on the class website [HERE](#). I hope you have a wonderful summer. Happy reading!

Mrs. Pillsbury

Join the summer reading Google Classroom **gbhiv7h**

Summer Reading Assignments:

1. Read selected chapters of *How to Read Literature Like a Professor REVISED* by Thomas C. Foster. the link is [HERE](#), but it is recommended that you purchase the book if you plan on continuing into Honors 10 and AP Lit. Access the assignment [HERE](#) (DUE AUGUST 19) Upload to www.turnitin.com using class ID **44080101** and enrollment key **summer-jp** In the HTLLP notes. This is a 20-point assignment.

Read ONLY the following chapters.

“The Intro”

Chapter 1 “Every Trip Is a Quest”

Chapter 4 “Now Where Have I Seen Her Before?”

Chapter 12 “Is That a Symbol?”

2. Read the novella *Animal Farm* by George Orwell and answer the questions. Link [HERE](#) for the pdf of the book, or pick one up from the library or a bookstore. As you read the novella, complete the questions and the Socratic guide [HERE](#).

On September 5, 2024, you will participate in a special discussion called a Socratic Seminar. This is an all-hour discussion run completely by students without any teacher input. The purpose of the discussion is to explore the novel to develop a deeper understanding of the themes, ideas, and historical context. To prepare for a thoughtful academic discussion, you will need to complete the assignment. The Socratic counts for 30 points. See the rubric [HERE](#), I will go over the protocol for Socratic seminars in class.

You will also take a 25-point quiz on the book involving characters, setting, plot, and allegory.

3. Choose ONE Contemporary Literature selection from the RCS Battle of the Books list below: Create a one-pager using the guidelines in this document

[HERE](#). Our discussion regarding the YA novel takes place on August 29, 2024, and you will peer-mark the one-pagers.

Choose from the following novels ONLY:

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nigh-time

Internment

Scythe

The Inheritance Games

The Gilded Ones

Crown Chasers

OR you may choose from the following list of [Battle Books](#)

Please note that some of the book options listed above may contain mature content and/or language. Review the books with your parent/guardian to determine what you feel is most appropriate while making your reading selections.

District Summer Assignment Policy:

Summer work is necessary for honors and AP courses to help students build prior knowledge essential for the curriculum at the beginning of the school year.

All typed summer work must be completed in **ONE** Google Doc per assignment. Any assignments submitted with copied and pasted text will not receive credit.

Please see Rochester Community School's [Academic Integrity Policy](#) for further clarification regarding expectations for completing summer work.

CHECKLIST FOR SUMMER READING

- ☐ 1. How to Read Literature Like a Professor (Due August 19)
 - ☐ read the assigned chapters
 - ☐ take notes using the assigned document
- ☐ 2. *Animal Farm* by George Orwell (Due September 5)
 - ☐ Read the novella
 - ☐ Complete the reading questions and the Socratic Seminar
 - ☐ The test is on September 6
- ☐ 3. Young Adult novel (Due August 29)
 - ☐ Choose one of the books from the list provided and read it
 - ☐ Complete the one-pager using the guide provided *to prepare for the course*