



Welcome to Honors English II, and congratulations on your fine effort. Below you will find the summer reading list and the necessary information regarding your summer reading paper. Please read carefully so that you do not neglect anything which might be deemed a requirement for entrance into Honors English II in the fall.

This summer you will be reading two books for this class: *NIGHT* by Elie Wiesel (Please get 2006 Marion Wiesel translation) and *BLACK BOY* by Richard Wright (Book I only). **These two books are mandatory reading.** You can expect a test on them within the first week of school in the fall.

A. You will write a well-developed essay on the following theme with a focus on the ONE of the summer reading texts.

Regardless of failure or default, the actions and attitudes of _____ (Choose a person) attest to the indomitable strength of the human spirit.

Your format will be the same as you have used with other essays – an underlined **three part thesis statement*** at the end of your introductory paragraph, followed by at least **three** supporting paragraphs using specific details from the work, and ending with a conclusion which is the opposite format of your introduction. Use quotations when appropriate, and cite according to MLA guidelines, i.e. (Wiesel 25). If you have any questions about the format, please refer to *Writers Inc.* for directions.

**Note: A three part thesis statement includes an argument and three points that you will use in your paper to support your argument.*

Please proofread and revise carefully even **after** your paper has been typed.

B. You will write an outline for your essay--It should follow the format that is listed at the end of this letter.

Oh, yes, your paper **MUST BE TYPED!** The length of your paper should be 2-3 pages.

Finally, you must turn in your essay to *turnitin.com* before I will accept it. That means no later than 8:00A.M. on the day that we return to school. You will need the following information in order to submit your paper. Class I.D. #

Class ID – 10021080

Password -- honors2

You can submit it from home by going online to www.turnitin.com and following the instructions that they give you. Papers not submitted to turnitin.com or found to be plagiarized will not receive credit.

Have a relaxing and enjoyable summer vacation.

But please remember – **THIS PAPER IS DUE AT THE BEGINNING OF CLASS THE VERY FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. DON'T PROCRASTINATE! REMEMBER THAT LAST MINUTE CRISIS AND COMPUTER/PRINTER PROBLEMS OCCUR; THESE ARE NOT EXCUSES FOR LATE PAPERS.** All papers not handed in AND / OR not submitted to turnitin.com on the first day of class will be penalized 25% and then 10% for every additional day late. 15% over weekends (per Department policy)!

Happy reading. ☺

Sincerely,



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Outline Format (Must be typed) --DO NOT SUBMIT TO TURNITIN.COM

I. Introduction _____

Thesis Statement (The last sentence in the introductory paragraph):

II. Body

Main Point: _____

Examples/Details/Explanations:

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

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- b. _____
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III. Conclusion
