

# Rochester High School 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Language Arts

## Summer Reading Information

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Dear Future Falcon,

Welcome to Honors Language Arts 9 at Rochester High School! We are looking forward to meeting you and learning together during the 2023-2024 school year. Students are asked to read two books over the summer in preparation for the class. It's important to actively read these texts, since we will be analyzing and discussing them through a variety of activities this fall and over the course of the school year.

After reviewing this information, please share it with your parent(s) or guardian(s). If you have any questions, please feel free to email Mrs. Facca (afacca@rochester.k12.mi.us) or Ms. Youngs (myoungs@rochester.k12.mi.us). We hope you have a wonderful summer!

Happy reading!

Mrs. Facca and Ms. Youngs

### **Summer Reading Assignment:**

1. ***Animal Farm* by George Orwell**
2. **Choose ONE current or previous RCS Battle of the Books text**, which can be found through the links below. Battle of the Books is a reading program that holds book clubs and special events at each high school in RCS. It's a fantastic opportunity for students to come together to discuss their reading and build a community at RHS. Selecting a book from the 2023 list will make it easy to participate in all of the Battle of the Books events this year, but any of the previous years' titles are great choices as well. To learn more about Battle of the Books and review the reading options, visit these links:
  - 2023 Battle of the Books Titles: <https://rcsbattleofthebooks.com/>
  - Past Battle of the Books Titles: <https://rcsbattleofthebooks.com/past-botb-titles>

*Please note that there may be mature content and/or language in some of the book options. **Please review the books with your parent/guardian while making your reading selections to determine what you feel is most appropriate.***

If you find it useful, you may choose to take notes regarding plot, characterization, significant quotations, theme development, literary devices, etc. while reading. **Any notes you choose to take will not be collected or graded**, though taking the time to intentionally and thoughtfully reflect while reading may prove helpful when you return to school and begin participating in activities connected to these texts. However, the most important goal is to thoughtfully read your book selections and feel prepared to share your ideas about them.