

SUMMER BOOK LIST –Students Entering Grade 9, 2010

All students who will be in honors will be required to read *Don Quixote* by Miguel de Cervantes, ISBN: 0-451-52890-5 and complete the assignment described below. All students in the pre-honors class will read Part I only of *Don Quixote*, the same edition. In addition to the required reading, all students entering ninth grade will read two other books from the lists below.

FICTION

The Pearl (J. Steinbeck)
The Book Thief, (M. Zusak)
October Sky (H. Hickman)
The Bean Trees (B. Kingsolver)
The Poisonwood Bible (B. Kingsolver)

DRAMA

The Glass Menagerie (T. Williams)
Our Town (T. Wilder)
Romeo & Juliet (William Shakespeare)
Othello (William Shakespeare)

NON-FICTION

Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mount Everest Disaster (J. Krakauer)
Hiroshima (J. Hersey)

Assignment for *Don Quixote*:

Honors: As you read *Don Quixote*, choose at least 10 quotations from the text that you think are particularly important. Consider the following: Characterization, point of view, setting, foils, and satire/parody. Make sure the quotations are representative of both Part I and Part II. Discuss how each quotation contributes to the overall theme(s) in the book. Be specific. Be ready to discuss this book when you return to school. You will be tested on the novel.

Pre-Honors: As you read Part I of *Don Quixote*, choose five quotations from the text that you think are particularly important. Consider the different characteristics of Don Quixote and Sancho, the setting and how it contributes to the story, and the theme of the Power of the Imagination. You will be tested on Part I of the novel.