

The PNHS English Department strives to improve their Summer Reading program, seeking best practices to aide in our students' reading development. Please read the expectations carefully.



Honors English 9

Honors 9 is not an easy course; we read difficult literature at a brisk pace, there will be required reading and/or writing nearly every night, and late work is only accepted under exceptional extenuating circumstances.

In preparation for the school year, there are two pieces of required summer reading that must be completed prior to the first day of class. For each of the Summer Reading novels, you are expected to take detailed notes and be ready to write, discuss, and speak about each.

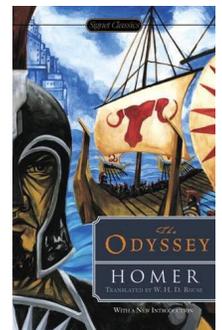
Each novel will be utilized during the first few weeks and various units during the year. It is important that students read the required editions and translations as listed below:

Required Texts:

1. *The Odyssey* by Homer (choose one option)

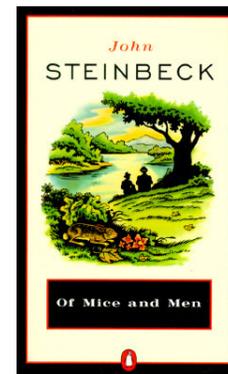
Prose Version: Translation by W.H.D Rouse. Publisher: Signet Classics. ISBN: 978-0451474339

Graphic Novel: By Gareth Hinds; Publisher: Candlewick. ISBN: 978-0763642686



2. *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck

Publisher: Penguin. ISBN: 978-0140177398



In addition to reading these two novels above, students should start the school year with a 1-2" three ring binder, 5 subject dividers, colored pencils, and a single-subject lined paper notebook (college ruled).

Objectives:

- Learn to read more carefully and critically.
- Become engaged with the subject matter – question it, agree with it, disagree with it, compare it to other issues, make connections.
- Come to see reading and writing as a way of exploring and learning about a subject, rather than just a product to be judged.
- Move from merely summarizing material into analyzing, interpreting, and evaluating literature.
- Make meaning for yourself rather than look to teachers for the “right answers.”
- Become a more effective reader and thinker.