

To: English 4AP
From: Mrs. Dellanno
Re: Summer Reading 2008

Required:

Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne

You will need to purchase the required books. As you read the TWO required books, you are to annotate the text (see the attached directions and samples). On average, you should provide an annotation every 10 or so pages. In addition, select from each book one page that you judge to be of particular significance and annotate this page thoroughly with responses to its content and style. During the first week of class, you will be given a written assessment on both books that will count as a test grade.

Suggested Reading:

You are to select ONE of the books from the suggested reading list. Read this and be prepared to discuss this book with me and/or the class and to write an essay on the book during the first week of class. The oral and written assessment will count as a test grade.

AUTHOR	TITLE
Cather	My Antonia
Clinton	Living History
Dandicat	Brother, I'm Dying
Hari	The Translator
Hosseini	A Thousand Splendid Suns
Kingsolver	The Poisonwood Bible
Kogawa	Obasan
Krakauer	Under the Banner of Heaven
McBride	The Color of Water
McCain	Faith of my Father
McCourt	Angela's Ashes
Obama	Dreams of my Father
Orwell	1984
Suskind	Perfume: The Story of a Murderer
Vonnegut	Cat's Cradle OR Slaughterhouse Five

Students who are taking **AP US History** are required to read *Presidential Courage* by Michael Beschloss. This book may count as your Suggested Reading book for English if you choose. You would then be tested on it in both English and Social Studies.