HONORS/AP SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT PURPOSE

Boerne ISD believes that the key to being a great reader is to read extensively, and the key to being a great writer is through exposure to great writing. Reading is not solely reserved for the school year; life-long learning stems from becoming a life-long reader. Summer provides time to enjoy uninterrupted reading that allows students to absorb and contemplate ideas from their reading experience in preparation for beginning of the school year literary discussions. Summer reading and the subsequent in-class assignments give students a strong foundation to build upon as they move through the Honors/AP English Language Arts program.

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Dear Student and Parent,

Welcome to Champion High School’s Honors English I course. Our Honors program is designed to develop critical reading, writing, and thinking skills necessary for success, not only in high school, but in the Advanced Placement courses that follow Honors courses.

All students entering Honors English I next year should choose one (1) novel from among the following titles and complete the Mind Map assignment. The titles are available for purchase at Amazon or local bookstores with the preferred versions listed by ISBN. Students are required to bring their novel and Mind Map to class on the first day of the fall semester. There will be a writing assignment over the summer reading novel during the first week of class.

- **Boys in the Boat** (Brown) - Sports/History - ISBN: 9780143125471
- **Dandelion Wine** (Bradbury) - Coming of Age - ISBN: 0553277537
- **Parrot in the Oven: Mi vida** (Martinez) - Coming of Age - ISBN: 9780064471862
- **Peace Like a River** (Enger) - Family/Heroic Quest - ISBN: 0802139256
- **Swallowing Stones** (McDonald) - Realistic Fiction - ISBN: 9780307976093

We look forward to having your student in our classes. If you have questions about the summer reading assignment, please don’t hesitate to email one of us.

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The Mind Map
You are to create a MIND MAP that represents a character from your chosen novel. This mind map should be creative, analytical, accurate, and insightful.

First…
1. Choose a character from the novel that is not one-dimensional, meaning that he or she changes in some way in the novel.
2. On a blank sheet of 8 ½ x 11 printer paper, draw the outline of a head large enough to include all of the required and artistic elements. It should take up most of the paper.

Then, inside the head…
3. Copy at least three of your character’s most important lines from the novel.(Direct quotation)
4. Draw at least three visual symbols that represent your character; these can be objects from the novel, or just objects that especially seem to correspond to your character.
5. The map should be colorful and neat. When choosing colors, think about the emotions and symbolic qualities colors have.
6. It MUST show the different aspects of your character. Consider some of the following to give you ideas:
   ● Trace your character’s changes throughout the novel.
   ● Most admirable qualities and worst qualities
   ● The highest and lowest points the causes and effects of these
   ● Internal and external conflicts
   ● Motivation and/or most important goals
   ● How other people see this character versus the character’s inner self.
   ● Fortunate and/or unfortunate events

Finally…
7. Make sure your character’s name is on the front of the mind map and that your name is on the back.