

Honors English 9 Summer Assignment

ALCOS: [RL.9.10] By the end of Grade 9, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the Grades 9-10 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

Students independently read a given novel (*The Old Man and the Sea*). Audio book may be used if they choose, but student must have a print copy as well.

9th Grade Summer Reading Assignment Honors English 9 Due First Day of School

1. Please purchase your own copy of the novel *The Old Man and the Sea*, by Ernest Hemingway.
2. As you read, please **annotate your copy** by marking important passages. **This means you should write notes in the margins about:**
 - Characters and their relationships
 - The significance of major actions
 - The setting
 - The author's purpose for writing
 - The point of view the story is told
 - The tone of the author
 - The theme(s) of the story
 - Circle and then define any unknown words.
3. Bring your book to class the first day.
4. The first week of school we will use the book to complete a project in class.

Assessments include:

*Quiz checking story elements on the first day of school

*One-Pager in which students demonstrate depth of knowledge of the novel through identifying story elements, literary devices such as characterization, style, conflict, resolution, etc., drawing meaningful conclusions concerning author's choices, and citing specific quotes (textual evidence) to prove assertions.