



## English I and English I (Honors): Summer Reading 2010

Our summer reading selections are chosen with the student, in mind, as students are asked to engage in literature that is not offered in the traditional curriculum. Past and current titles include science fiction literature, graphic novels, Young Adult and popular titles, etc. Our hope is to instill a love of reading for all students as they learn to understand the critical messages communicated through all literatures.

In addition to the universal reading title that is assigned by the school administration, this year the department of English requires that incoming freshmen have read *Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins by the start of school. Though no formal assignment accompanies the read, freshmen teachers will assess the reading of the novel during the first few days of the course. This assessment will be both objective and subjective in nature and could also appear on the mid-term exam in December. That said, it is suggested that all freshmen read the book actively and critically. Though it is not required, you might consider:

- Character descriptions for each of the main characters. What adjectives would you use to describe them? What are the motivations, desires, and dreams of these characters? What decisions do they make and what are the consequences?
- Important Quote Identification and Response. While reading, you may wish to highlight passages that you find interesting or feel are significant. Maybe you find a symbol in one of the quotes; maybe an allusion or a vivid image. In the margins of your book, you might jot a phrase or two that communicates your thoughts on the quote so that you can recall those thoughts when looking back through the quotes later on.
- Question list. If you have questions along the way, you may wish to jot these down as well. These questions can range from simple context-type questions that can be readily recalled and found through careful reading and reviewing to critical questions that require careful thought and articulation.

Again, while these exercises are not required, they will help you to maintain and/or prepare for the skills that you will practice as a freshman at Nolan Catholic High School. We really think you will enjoy the read so, have fun with it.