

**Rising Seniors Summer Reading Assignment
Summer 2010**

Reading Assignments: All seniors please read the following this summer:

1. Night by Elie Wiesel
2. A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving

Written Assignments (due the first day of class):

For each book, please complete the following:

1. Write two “power” paragraphs according to these directions:
 - a. In the first power paragraph, identify an important theme or message of the text. In your paragraph, include and explain three examples from the text (using page citations as necessary) that support the claim you are making about this theme.
 - b. In the second power paragraph, identify which character from the text you find most interesting or thought-provoking. In your paragraph, include and explain three examples from the text (using page citations as necessary) to illustrate why this character is interesting to you.
2. Locate twenty (20) new vocabulary words in each text. If you know every word you encounter, please choose 20 interesting words. For each word,
 - a. Copy the sentence from the text that includes the word and put the page number(s) of the sentence at its end.
 - b. After considering the sentence and, if necessary, consulting a dictionary, write one compound or complex sentence of your own using the word correctly.

Important Note from Ms. Lindgren (English 12 Instructor):

The grade you receive on this assignment will be your first major grade for English 12. Since colleges look carefully at first quarter grades when deciding on admissions, it is important to start off strong.

If you have questions, you can email me at mlindgren@crystorey.balt.org and I will respond.

Good luck and enjoy!

Students who plan to take the AP English course must also read the play St. Joan by George Bernard Shaw.

Have a wonderful summer and I will see you in September.

Ms. Jones