**Eng. 10 Honors—Independent Reading Assignment**

(Put this sheet in the “Reading” section of your binder)

To help you prepare for the AP test, which you will be eligible to take your senior year, you need to read at least one novel per term from the AP Literature book list. The more of these you have read, the better prepared you will be for the test. The books you may choose from are listed on the back of this sheet, along with the number of times each novel has appeared on the AP test. **Bring your book with you to class EVERY DAY**. You will have the first 15 min. of class to read.

Once you have read at least one of these novels during the term, you are free to read any novel you choose. Whenever you finish a book, simply find a new one before the next class period.

**Earning Your Daily Points**

This assignment is worth 5 points each day, but to earn these points, you must READ. Points are not earned for talking, texting, writing, drawing, doing homework, etc. Choose appropriate, grade-level books; *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, for instance, is NOT a grade-level book. Read books that you have NOT read before. No class-read books will count for this assignment; this includes books you read as a class in junior high, as well as books we will read as a class this year. If you forget your book, you may use one of your “Magic Passes” to borrow a book (and not lose points) that day. You may read books on an electronic device such as a Nook, Kindle, or other e-reader, but not on a cell phone. However, no devices may be used on the day of the test (see below).

**What is a Novel?**

A novel is “a [fictitious](http://www.webster-dictionary.org/definition/fictitious) [tale](http://www.webster-dictionary.org/definition/tale) [or](http://www.webster-dictionary.org/definition/or) [narrative](http://www.webster-dictionary.org/definition/narrative), [longer](http://www.webster-dictionary.org/definition/longer) [than](http://www.webster-dictionary.org/definition/than) [a](http://www.webster-dictionary.org/definition/a) [short](http://www.webster-dictionary.org/definition/short) [story](http://www.webster-dictionary.org/definition/story), [having](http://www.webster-dictionary.org/definition/having) [some](http://www.webster-dictionary.org/definition/some) [degree](http://www.webster-dictionary.org/definition/degree) [of](http://www.webster-dictionary.org/definition/of) [complexity](http://www.webster-dictionary.org/definition/complexity) [and](http://www.webster-dictionary.org/definition/and) [development](http://www.webster-dictionary.org/definition/development) [of](http://www.webster-dictionary.org/definition/of) [characters](http://www.webster-dictionary.org/definition/characters); [it](http://www.webster-dictionary.org/definition/it) [is](http://www.webster-dictionary.org/definition/is) [usually](http://www.webster-dictionary.org/definition/usually) [organized](http://www.webster-dictionary.org/definition/organized) [as](http://www.webster-dictionary.org/definition/as) [a](http://www.webster-dictionary.org/definition/a) [time](http://www.webster-dictionary.org/definition/time) [sequence](http://www.webster-dictionary.org/definition/sequence) [of](http://www.webster-dictionary.org/definition/of) [events](http://www.webster-dictionary.org/definition/events) . . .” –Webster’s Dictionary- Put simply, a novel has a **plot** and **characters**. A novel is **NOT** a comic book, a reference book, the scriptures, a textbook, song lyrics, etc.

**Novel Assessment**

At least five weeks in to each term, you will be given an in-class test on the AP novel. Bring your book with you to class that day. Be prepared to write about the plot, setting, characters, symbols, themes, and significant quotes. If you are absent, you need to arrange to take the test before or after school ahead of time, or immediately following your absence.

Electronic devices may NOT be used the day of the test. If you forget to bring your book, you must still take the test, but no points will be given for the “Quotes” section. No notes may be used; if you are found to have notes in your book or anywhere else, you will not receive credit for the test. Assessments done on books other than the ones listed will receive no credit.