

English 3 Honors Summer Reading Assignment

You should read *Of Mice and Men*, *East of Eden* and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.

The following assignment is due the first day of class in September. It must be typed and there should be evidence in your work that you have read the books. (Spark Notes, Monkey Notes or any other kind of supplemental readings for the books are not a replacement for the actual text. If you chose to read these instead of the books, you are cheating not only yourself but also your peers.)

For each book, you should do the following:

- 1) List and briefly describe three issues in each book. This should not be written in paragraph form but rather in note form using bullet points. You should have 5-7 examples for each issue.

Example: Poverty: Huck leaves without any money. (not a valid response, however a valid form of note taking.)

- 2) Choose three characters from each book and describe them using textual evidence.

Example: Candy's dog: useless, others do not like him-----"the old dog was dingy and smelly (Steinbeck 8).

Again----not a valid characterization but the form I want.

- 3) Of each novel, which one interested you the most? Why? Your response should not contain the response, "it was the shortest." You should look at the novels in terms of the author's style of writing, the types of characters being presented and the themes he is writing about. This should be written in paragraph form and should be 4-6 paragraphs in length.

If you have any questions regarding this assignment, feel free to contact me via email at ieckert@immaculatahighschool.org

This assignment will count as a quiz grade.

Good luck and I look forward to seeing you in September.