

Hillcrest High School

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Dear Hillcrest Students:

The Hillcrest High School English Department will continue its summer reading program for the 2010-2011 school year. In preparation for the rigorous requirements in the reading comprehension section of the Alabama High School Graduation Exit Exam, the Alabama Direct Assessment of Writing test, and the ACT writing component, it is essential that you read over the summer in order to increase and develop your reading, writing, and vocabulary skills. You are required to have the following novel(s) read by the first day of your English class. For example, if you have English in the fall, you will be tested within the first week of starting back to school. If you have English in the spring, you will be tested after returning from Christmas holidays. You will be evaluated on the content of the novel(s) in test, essay, and interview format.

Grade Level	Selected Reading
English 9	<i>Speak</i> by Laurie Halse Anderson
Advanced English 9	<i>Speak</i> by Laurie Halse Anderson <i>Homecoming</i> by Cynthia Voigt
English 10	<i>Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie</i> by David Lubar
Advanced English 10	<i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i> by Mark Twain <i>Murder on the Orient Express</i> by Agatha Christie
English 11	<i>The Contender</i> by Robert Lipsyte
Advanced English 11	<i>The House of the Scorpion</i> by Nancy Farmer <i>A Northern Light</i> by Jennifer Donnelly
English 12	<i>A Lesson Before Dying</i> by Ernest J. Gaines
Advanced English 12	<i>A Lesson Before Dying</i> by Ernest J. Gaines <i>The Last Lecture</i> by Randy Pausch
AP English 12	<i>How to Read Literature Like a Professor</i> by Thomas C. Foster <i>Their Eyes Were Watching God</i> by Zora Neale Hurston <i>The Catcher in the Rye</i> by J.D. Salinger

You may pre-order your book(s) in the Hillcrest High School library; the book(s) will also be available at both of our local bookstores.

HAPPY READING!! Study carefully the plot, characters, setting, and literary elements such as foreshadowing and irony.