



***To the sophomores who will be taking AP ENGLISH 3 at PSHS during 2011-2012:***

We, the AP English 3 team, want to be the first to welcome you to Plano Senior High School. We know you will find your years at PSHS exciting, rewarding and challenging. As Pre-AP students, you have already proven that you are ready to meet the challenge.

- Though there is not any required summer reading, we wanted you to know that you will be assigned to read ***The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*** by Mark Twain upon your return to school. We hope you will consider getting started on the novel during the summer since you have only two weeks to complete it after school starts. If you wish to read this novel over the summer, you should pay particular attention to how the following familiar literary devices are used by Twain: conflict, plot, character, setting, irony, theme, symbol, dialect, satire and social criticism. Also, you should read the novel carefully, annotating as you read, and be prepared to recall details in September.
- If you should read ***The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*** over the summer, here are links to literary criticism which will help you understand Twain's purposes in writing the novel. You might want to print the criticisms and *highlight* and *annotate* the comments that you find enlightening. Also, familiarize yourself with the major points of these criticisms; then, consider whether you agree or disagree with the critics. These essays, in addition to others, will be the focus for our discussion of the novel during the third week of school.

Lance Morrow "In Praise of *Huckleberry Finn*"

<http://crab.rutgers.edu/~barbares/Ten%20Books/Morrow,%20In%20Praise%20of%20HF.pdf>

Lauriat Lane "Why *Huckleberry Finn* Is a Great World Novel"

<http://74.125.95.132/search?q=cache:EOHf5fmgIFJ:www.jserra.org/library/file/download/6267+Lauriat+Lane+%22Why+Huckleberry+Finn%22&cd=3&hl=en&ct=clnk&gl=us>

- Also, the focus of AP English 3 is Rhetoric and Persuasion. The more informed you are about the world around you, the more successful you will be in this course. If you don't already do so, start reading a newspaper or a weekly news magazine, in print or online. Start developing well informed opinions on a variety of subjects.

Have a wonderful summer! We look forward to meeting you in August!

***The PSHS AP English 3 Team***