



PLANO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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To the sophomores who will be taking AP ENGLISH 3 at PSHS during 2009-2010:

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.

- During the summer, we are asking that you complete an assignment that will prepare you for AP English 3. We want you to come to English in August having read ***The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*** by Mark Twain. Within the first few days of school, you will be required to analyze this novel by applying terms with which you are familiar, such as conflict, plot, character, setting, irony, theme, symbol and social criticism. You should read the novel carefully, annotating as you read, and be prepared to recall details.
- Along with reading ***The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn***, you will need to read two articles of *literary criticism* before school starts. Go to the links listed below. *Print* the criticism, *highlight* and *annotate* the comments that you find enlightening. Familiarize yourself with the major points of these criticisms; then, consider whether you agree or disagree with the critics and be ready to support your opinions with examples from the novel.

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:EOHf5fmgIFIJ:www.jserra.org/library/file/download/6267+Lauriat+Lane+%22Why+Huckleberry+Finn%22&cd=3&hl=en&ct=clnk&gl=us>

If you or your parents have any questions about this assignment, contact Mary Stanton at mary.stanton@pisd.edu before June 5th.

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

The PSHS AP English 3 Team