



Dear English 9 Honors Student,

Congratulations! Your performance on the entrance exam as well as in your 8<sup>th</sup> grade courses has warranted your acceptance into English 9 – honors level. As the rigor of the honors level is substantial, you can expect to work at an accelerated pace and with focused intensity. To this end, your summer reading requirement is attached. Note there are both mandatory texts and some choice. You will be held accountable for your reading in some manner during your first days at IA in the fall.

Your summer readings include some classic American literature as well as more contemporary choices that are rooted in the protagonist's search for his destiny. The one mandatory text is the classic Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Next, you may choose either *Of Mice and Men* or *A Raisin in the Sun*. Finally, you must opt for one (1) of the following: *The Alchemist*, *Into the Wild*, or *A Prayer for Owen Meany*. You may either borrow these books from your library or purchase them at your local Borders, Barnes and Noble, etc. You may choose to purchase your own so you can take notes in the margins to aid in your comprehension and analysis. Enjoy the end of your eighth grade year and happy reading!

Sincerely,

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