

Dear Honors English 11 Student,

We are very excited about the 2018-2019 school year. The goal of Honors English 11 is to prepare you for AP English and college level English classes; as well as to develop an appreciation of American literature. You are required to read The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne this **summer**. As a part of Honors English 11, you will independently read a second book during the second semester of the school year.

You can purchase this book or borrow it. Books can be purchased at all major booksellers or online for a reasonable price. It is strongly suggested that you own copies of the books so that you can highlight, underline, or write notes in them. However, you can borrow them from a public library. There are free audio versions online, or in discs from the library-- listen while you read to aid your comprehension. Please see Mrs. Weeks in room A107 before the end of the year if you need help getting a book.

Assignments (attached):

- Chapter summaries
- Literary elements of the novel
- Vocabulary

You will be allowed to use your notes in completing assignments over the books during the first quarter. You will also have a test over the novel in **August**. You will probably need to re-read the novels and/or re-read your chapter summaries in preparation for the test.

I strongly encourage you to read about Nathaniel Hawthorne. You do not need to read *The Custom House*, but read **about** it. Read a summary of *The Custom House* so that you understand the reason for the inclusion of it at the opening of the novel.

You are making a commitment as an honors student to complete your work to the best of your ability. You are expected to read the book and have the assignments completed by the first day of school, **August 20**. It is your responsibility to be done reading by that point and **extensions will not be granted**.

I have set up a “Remind” for this class. Text @weeks11 to 81010 to join this class by **June 4, 2018**. Please text any questions about the novel and/or assignments. Use email if you have longer, more complicated questions.

Once you and your parents/guardians have read this letter, please have them email me at HWeeks@barbertonschools.org. They can write “I am _____’s parent/guardian and I am aware of his/her summer requirements for Honors English 11.” Please do this by **June 4, 2018**.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Heather Weeks
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