

**English II Honors  
Summer Reading Assignment  
2008**

You will be reading three books this summer, and they will be re-visited throughout the school year (so hold on to your own copy). While reading these wonderful books, you will maintain a summer reading journal which will be collected on the first day of school. You will also be tested on the books within the first week of school.

You will maintain your summer reading journal in a Mead Composition notebook. You may draw pictures as you go or decorate it in such a way that reflects your summer experience with these books. Please follow the directions below for your journal, and make sure it is complete **for each book**.

**Do not use Sparknotes, Cliffnotes, etc.**

**Books:**

*Jasmine*, Mukherjee  
*Things Fall Apart*, Achebe  
*The Metamorphosis*, Kafka

**Directions for Summer Reading Journal:**

1. Write your own “back cover” for the book, enticing people to read it.
2. List the main characters and explain what roles they play.
3. List the main events.
4. List the settings and their significance.
5. List at least 4 quotes from the novel and explain (for each quote) who is speaking, what they are talking about, why it is significant and what it contributes to the overall study of the novel.
6. List and comment on recurring symbols.
7. List all possible motifs and themes.
8. Answer: What do you think is most important about this novel and why? (1-2 paragraphs)