

Dear Prospective Honors High School English 1-2 Student and Parents,

Congratulations! You have been recommended for Honors High School English 1-2 in the fall. This recommendation was made because you have shown the following: strong writing skills; excellent comprehension – *both literal and inferential*; good interpretive and analytical skills; strong habits of mind, a solid work ethic; and a keen interest in the English language and literature.

We in the English Department of RBHS are confident that you will find the honors experience a valuable one. In order to prepare for your honors English class, **you must complete a summer reading assignment.** This reading will help prepare you for the kind of academic work that will be expected during the school year.

During the first week of the fall semester, you can expect to be tested on the summer reading. The test will cover specific information such as settings, characters, and plot events. Also, you will write an on-demand, multi-paragraph interpretive essay (either thematic analysis or character analysis) about the summer reading.

You should read the assigned work carefully and take concise notes. You may want to buy the assigned book in order to highlight key passages and make margin notes; however, all required selections may be checked out from the RBHS school library in June (**the only days they will be open for students will be June 17, 18 & 19 from 8am–noon and you will be required to show your school ID**). It should be noted that all students will be accountable for these requirements, and even students who are only *considering* an honors English class should plan ahead in order to meet expectations.

This year's required summer reading is *The Illustrated Man* by Ray Bradbury.

I look forward to meeting you in the fall! In the mean time, if you have any questions or concerns you may e-mail me at smcglocklin@powayusd.com.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sharon McGlocklin
Ninth Grade Honors English Teacher