In order to prepare for English 11 Honors, you are required to complete the following summer reading/writing assignments. These assignments are due when you return from summer break. The assignments are graded; therefore, if you do not turn in a completed summer packet, you begin the semester with a failing grade.

The assignments are as follows:

1. Complete a reading/writing autobiography. Instructions for this assignment are on the high school home page, summer assignment link.

2. Read *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger and complete chapter questions. Again, the questions are on the high school website. These answers to these questions must be HAND WRITTEN.

3. Read three short stories from the list of choices. Once you read the story, write a response. In that response, you can write your reaction to the plot or to the characters, you can explore the relevance of the theme to today’s world, you can discuss the use of literary conventions (dialect, metaphor, parody, etc...), or, quite honestly, whatever you think needs to be said about the story. Do NOT give me just a plot summary. Also, DO NOT go on to Spark Notes (or whatever watered-down site you prefer) and then write about what they write. I want to hear your thoughts; don’t worry about being right or sounding smart or understanding every aspect.

   - Ernest Hemingway “Soldier’s Home”
   - Frank O’Conner “First Confession”
   - Susan Glaspell “A Jury of Her Peers”
   - Sherwood Anderson “I’m a Fool”
   - John Updike “A & P”
   - Charles W. Chesnutt “The Passing of Grandison”
   - William Faulkner “Barn Burning”
   - Mark Twain “Luck”
   - Eudora Welty “A Worn Path”
   - Richard Wright “The Man Who Was Almost a Man”
   - Anita S. Coleman “Unfinished Masterpieces”
   - Zora Neale Hurston “Sweat”
   - Joyce Carol Oates “Shopping”