

# 2012 Summer Reading Assignment



**Course:** English for incoming 11<sup>th</sup> graders

## Assignment

Please prepare to have the following assignment done at the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year.

Students are to choose ONE book to read over the summer from the following selections:

**Book Choices for English III Honors:** *Cat's Cradle* by Kurt Vonnegut, *October Sky* by Homer Hickam

**Book Choices for English III:** *Apollo 13* by Jeffrey Kluger and James Lovell, *Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway

**Evaluation:** Response log during the summer, and open-book essay during the first week back to school: "Choose one significant scene from the story. How does this scene relate to your life? In what ways has it influenced your perspective?"

**Response log:** A response log is an effective way to keep a record of your reading responses—positive or negative, sure or unsure. It offers a chance to respond personally, to ask questions, wonder, predict, or reflect on the characters, people, events, literary elements, writing techniques, or language of a text. Do not summarize! Instead, record your textual observations.

1. Use notebook paper (one side only) or you may type
2. Must have two columns (divide the page in half)
3. Each response to a quotation should be 3–5 sentences and should include your analysis of the literary and rhetorical techniques present in the quotations, the author's attitude, purpose, or tone, and relation to personal experience.
4. You must include a total of at least 20 entries that range from beginning to end. Show me that you have read and understood the entire text.
5. Make sure that you note the page number for each of your quotations.

### Format:

1. The title of the column on the left is "Quotations from the Text"
2. The title of the column on the right is "Responses to the Text." Responses may start with:
  - "The imagery reveals..."
  - "The setting gives the effect of..."
  - "The author seems to feel..."
  - "The tone of this part is..."
  - "The character(s) feel..."
  - "This is ironic because..."
  - "An interesting metaphor or symbol is..."
  - "This reminds me of..."
  - "Something I wonder about is..."
  - "The author emphasizes \_\_\_\_\_ in order to..."
  - "This detail seems effective because..."
  - "This is similar to \_\_\_\_\_ because..."

- Or you may start with something else you feel is appropriate for the text you chose.