

Dear Prospective Honors 9 English Students and Parents:

Welcome to Rosemount High School's Honors/AP program! We are looking forward to meeting and working with you in a few short months. In order to prepare for next year's rigorous programs, we have required the following summer activities. These items will be discussed and tested during the year. In addition, you will write a paper the first week of school on the book you chose to read from this list over the summer.

Honors Nine English/Social Studies Summer Activity List

Internet grammar worksheets and quizzes to be done online - see the separate list of writing concepts to master.

Plays/Novels to Read

Read one of the following:

A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest J. Gaines

The Importance of Being Earnest, Oscar Wilde

Tartuffe, Moliere

Major Barbara, George Bernard Shaw

The Glass Menagerie, Tennessee Williams

Monster, Walter Dean Myers

Hard Times, Charles Dickens

Tom Sawyer, Mark Twain

Also - Try to take in a live play.

Optional Videos

These films are not required, but will provide background for future study.

My Fair Lady

West Side Story

Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid

Bridge on the River Kwai

Logan's Run

Lilies of the Field

Texts to be Read Next Year

Next year's texts include: *Anthem* by Rand, *Tale of Two Cities* by Dickens, *Huck Finn*, by Twain, *Odysseus* by Homer, *Romeo and Juliet* by Shakespeare, *A Doll's House* and *Enemy of the People* by Ibsen, *Pygmalion* by Shaw, *1984* by Orwell and *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Lee

Honors Nine English/Social Studies Summer Writing Practice
Study the grammar concepts below using this web site:

<http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/>

or

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/oldindex.html>

Then check the appropriate boxes when you feel you have accomplished the stated goal. For each category, there are some helpful quizzes that will provide practice and help you understand each concept. When you return to school next fall, we will spend time reviewing these concepts. Prepare yourselves!

Grammar Concept	I studied this concept.	I understand this concept.	I am ready for the quiz in fall.
Commas			
Compound Sentences			
Compound-Complex			
Dependent Clauses			
Fragments			
Independent Clauses			
Run-on Sentences			
Semi-colons			
Tense Consistency			
Topic Sentence			