

To the Parents of Students Who Will Take 12th Grade Honors:

All students who will be taking 12th grade Honors during the 2009/2010 school year must complete the following reading before the school year begins:

- ***Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt**
- ***Brave New World* by Aldus Huxley**

**Choose One:**

- ***The Return of the Native* by Thomas Hardy**
- ***A Passage to India* by E.M. Forster**

**Video, Choose One:**

- ***The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde (2002 version)**
- ***Othello* by William Shakespeare (1995 version)**

**Contemporary Fiction, Choose One:**

- ***About a Boy* by Nick Hornby**
- ***The Remains of the Day* by Ishiguro Kazu**

These books will be available at a variety of prices through a range of publishers. All local bookstores cooperate with the school district and purchase multiple copies of the texts for purchase by our students. One such bookstore is Border's near the Viewmont Mall. Another option is Amazon.com for new and used editions. The Scranton and Abington Libraries also have several of these titles available. Please read the full texts, rather than abridged options for each title.

Upon returning to school in September of 2009, students should be prepared to take an objective test and to write an essay based on their reading of these texts.

These titles are recognized as texts which college-bound students should read. They represent important concepts in British literature which will enrich students' understanding and inspire meaningful class discussion. While they should present some challenge to the students, they should also allow students hours of enjoyable summer reading.

Sincerely,

12<sup>th</sup> grade Honors English Teacher