

# English I

## 2009-2010 Summer Reading

### Read at least one of the following books:

- *Kindred*, Octavia Butler
- *Fahrenheit 451*, Ray Bradbury
- *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night*, Mark Haddon

### Projects for summer reading:

After you've finished reading your book, choose one of the following projects to complete. The projects are due on the first day of school. All assignments are graded on thoroughness, clarity, creativity and adherence to the guidelines. **All writing must be in *your own words*.**

1. What happens after the book ends? Write an extension of the story. Use the same point of view and narrator to continue the story. Respect the characters' personalities, interests, beliefs, and histories by writing an extension of their lives that is consistent with who they are.
  - No fewer than 2 pages, no longer than 5 pages.
  - Must be typed
    - Use Times New Roman
    - Double space
    - 12 point
2. Create a book jacket.
  - Consider the themes, characters, and setting of the book and create a front cover illustration that reflects the book.
  - On the back cover, write an enticing synopsis of the book (don't write how the book ends—you want someone to have just enough information to want to read the book). The synopsis should be between 20-30 sentences.
  - Also on the back cover, write a brief (about 5-7 sentences) biography of the author. You might also want to include a small illustration or a small photo of the author.
  - Make sure *your* name is on the project.
3. Write a letter to a friend recommending the book. In your letter, give information about your favorite character(s), why you liked the book, why you think your friend would like the book, and whatever else you think is relevant.
  - The letter should be between 2-4 pages.
  - Use Standard American English (correct grammar and language)
  - Must be typed
    - Use Times New Roman
    - Double space
    - 12 point