

# ENGLISH II HONORS

## Summer Reading Assignment 2022

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Dear Honors Student,

Congratulations on enrolling in English II Honors! This summer reading assignment is important and will help you to develop and observe your close-reading skills. Reading over the summer, when you can plan and observe your own schedule and habits, will help you cultivate long-term life skills. Independent reading helps you develop critical thinking skills, independence and self-reliance, and self-confidence.

**Please read one of the following novels below. There will be an in-class, timed writing assessment on the book of your choice during the first week of school.**

*THE QUEEN'S GAMBIT* by WALTER TEVIS

Young girl learns chess, overcomes life in an orphanage, and becomes grandmaster.

*THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES* by SUE MONK KIDD

Quirky, highly perceptive portrayal of life in the deep south; the serious issues of racism and religion are shown - not in the usual hackneyed way, but with irreverence and humor; a colorful group of eccentric sisters with a love for life

*BALZAC AND THE LITTLE CHINESE SEAMSTRESS* by DAI SIJIE

Two hapless boys are exiled to a remote village for re-education during China's Cultural revolution. There they find a stash of banned Western Classic books and enter worlds they never imagined.

Email the teacher if you have any questions:

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