

**Congratulations!** You are officially an English 3 Honors student. This will be your final, regular high school English class –for senior year, you will choose either AP English or College English (Comp 1&2). To prepare for either of those next steps, there is a great deal of material to be covered in order to successfully transition to the next level. **Please be certain** you can honor the commitment required to successfully meet expectations in Honors 3. I hope you are ready for a challenging and rewarding experience –beginning with summer reading.

The Honors curriculum is rigorous and beneficial for students who are attempting to achieve higher levels of learning. Because students are awarded 3 rigor points on their averages, it is expected that Honors English be more challenging than the other English classes. Honors is a **CHOICE**. You must expect to have to complete a certain amount of work outside of class.

You have TWO texts to read this summer – **one nonfiction** text of which you have five options. And everyone will read the play **A Raisin in the Sun**.

You are expected to thoroughly and analytically read your summer text by annotating—I suggest using post-it notes. An assignment will be completed upon return to the regular school. These texts should challenge you to think but should also be enjoyable summer reading! Please email me at any time with questions/comments via school: [sara.hardin@ecschoools.net](mailto:sara.hardin@ecschoools.net).

## REQUIRED READING

I. Choose **ONE** from the following:

- A. *Grandma Gatewood's Walk* (Ben Montgomery)
- B. *Unbroken* (Laura Hillenbrand)
- C. *Lone Survivor* ( Marcus Luttrell)
- D. *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* (Maya Angelou)
- E. *The Glass Castle* - (Jeannette Walls)

II. Everyone reads **A Raisin in the Sun** by Lorraine Hansberry.

\*I do have some copies; however, we strongly encourage you to purchase your own copies so that you can directly annotate in the novels. You can purchase at B&N, BAM, Mr. K's, or order online (Amazon).

You will be graded on the completion of the required assignments and your analysis will also be formally tested during the first couple of weeks of school. It is very important that you make note of the writer's style (rhetorical devices, tone, delivery, diction, appeal, etc.)

Peace & Happiness - Mrs. Hardin :)