

ATTENTION, FUTURE AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE STUDENTS:

The following is your summer reading:

1. *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck
2. *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy

AP English Language focuses on the ways writers write, the techniques they use to get their ideas across to readers.

- ❑ As you read *The Grapes of Wrath*, look for stylistic differences between the narrative chapters and the “inter-chapters.” How are they different in tone? Word choices? Sentence structures?
- ❑ What do both novels have in common in their **content**?
- ❑ How do they differ in **style**?

ANNOTATE AND HIGHLIGHT both novels, focusing on the questions above.

In addition, you must be familiar with the following literary terms as we begin class. Be able to define as well as **identify examples in each text**:

- Allusion
- Analogies: Personification, Metaphor, Simile
- Diction
- Imagery
- Irony
- Literary point of view
- Narrative
- Paradox, oxymoron
- Symbol
- Tone/attitude

On the first day of class, you **MUST** bring your copies of both books. You will be tested on them at that time.

If you need to contact me, leave me a message at nelson@ndhs.org, but do not expect an immediate reply. I will check my school email only sporadically during the summer months.

