

# Summer Reading 2017

*It was the summer before your junior year of high school...*

You will be reading two books this summer: *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* and *How to Read Literature Like a Professor*. You will need to find your own copies of each of these books. I have posted links to pdf versions in the google classroom. These are great books and will grow with you over time. I would recommend that you purchase a hard copy to mark up and make your own. We will be using these books throughout the entire year, so it might also be more convenient to have a hard copy to bring to class.

Mr. Kaukonen will be using the Google Classroom to post assignments, models, and rubrics. Be sure to join using the class code: dk8snik

## **Assignment #1**

Buy or find a digital version of *How to Read Literature Like a Professor*, and complete the assignments in your Google Classroom. These short assignments ask you to reflect on the reading that you completed as a sophomore. Your responses should be at least five sentences in length, but you will most likely expand beyond to fully express your thoughts. Use this book and assignments to recognize the techniques and methods writers use to fill their stories full of meaning.

## **Assignment #2**

Grab a copy of *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* and start reading. As you read, be sure to mark passages that seem to carry extra weight or significance. Be sure to keep a dialectical journal as you read. The exact requirements, models, and hints are in the Google Classroom. You only will be working through the first ten chapters during the summer. We will continue to read the rest of the book throughout the first quarter. For those of you who tend to get behind when assigned reading, use the summer to put yourself into a position to be successful as a junior.

## **Due Dates**

Both assignments will be due on Friday, August 18, 2017. These assignments can be very valuable for those students who choose to develop their literary analysis skills. Be sure that the work that you submit is your own.

Have a great summer!! Set small reading goals and get in the habit of meeting them. Enjoy the reading and don't be ashamed to laugh when it is funny. If you have questions or want to chat, email me at pkaukonen@suhsd.net. As you enjoy this summer, don't forget to look before you change lanes—especially if you are driving a monster truck.

*Mr. K*