

Robinson Secondary
Summer 2009

ROBINSON SECONDARY
SUMMER '09 ASSIGNMENT

ENGLISH 11

Welcome to English 11! This course studies American Literature and as such provides the student an exciting opportunity to learn about him/herself as well as how this country came to be. By selecting one of the books below you will keep your reading skills sharp as well as have some fun.

Purpose: Summer reading is a way for students to continue to interact with text. Studies show that reading ability improves when students practice reading. The books selected provide a range of difficulty and interest and at least one should appeal to every reader.

Directions: Read at least one of the following books.

The Lovely Bones, Alice Sebold

American Born Chinese, Gene Luen Yang

America's Favorite Poems (an anthology edited by Robert Pinsky)

Fahrenheit 451, Ray Bradbury

The Tipping Point, Malcolm Gladwell

Hot, Flat, and Crowded, Thomas Friedman

For Whom the Bell Tolls, Ernest Hemingway

Assessment: The student will be asked to do an in-class writing the first week of school about the book. The writing will go beyond summary and ask the student to demonstrate understanding of what was read.

Due Date: First day of school.

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