

ROBINSON SECONDARY  
SUMMER '09 ASSIGNMENT  
IB ENGLISH I

Dear Rising Juniors,

We are delighted that you have elected to pursue the IB program in English, and we look forward to a challenging year of exploring humanity and the world through the written and spoken word.

**Assignment and Purpose:**

This assignment is intended to allow your teacher, as well as your classmates, to become familiar with your literary tastes and some of your personal interests. **First, select and annotate a poem that reflects something about you and/or has some significant meaning for you.** It could be a poem from your childhood, a recently favorite poet or, it could be an unfamiliar poem that you find specifically for this assignment. **Second, select one of the choice books you read over the summer, and bring the book to the first class.**

**Directions:**

Poetry

*Selection of Poems:* If you don't have a favorite poem that reflects something about you and your interests, obtain poetry anthologies, volumes of poetry, or individual poems from the library, internet, etc. Look for key words that describe something about you and select a poem that appeals to you.

*Annotations:* Photocopy, retype, or print the poem from the Internet and annotate the poem. Annotations are your *written comments* regarding personal connections, the purpose of literary devices and their effectiveness, and your statements of analysis. Merely highlighting, underlining, or circling as you identify literary devices and techniques is not considered annotating.

Choice Book

Because you selected this course, the IB English I teachers assume you relish reading and that you will read many choice books over the summer. Select one of these books and bring it to your first class.

**Due Date and Assessment:**

- Your annotated poem and choice book are due on the first day of the 2009 – 2010 school year.
- Your teacher will collect your poem on that day and you will earn a *completion grade for your annotations*. During the first week of school teachers will explain the assessment criteria for the informal oral presentation of your poem.
- You will present your choice book on the first day of class, and you will also complete a short writing regarding the book for a completion grade within the first week.

We hope that you have a restful and safe summer, and we look forward to beginning the English IB1 program with you. Should you need to speak with someone during summer, contact Mrs. O'Shea at [Mary.OShea@fcps.edu](mailto:Mary.OShea@fcps.edu) , Mrs. Fulton at [Jennifer.Fulton@fcps.edu](mailto:Jennifer.Fulton@fcps.edu) , or Mr. Connolly at [MRCConnolly@fcps.edu](mailto:MRCConnolly@fcps.edu).