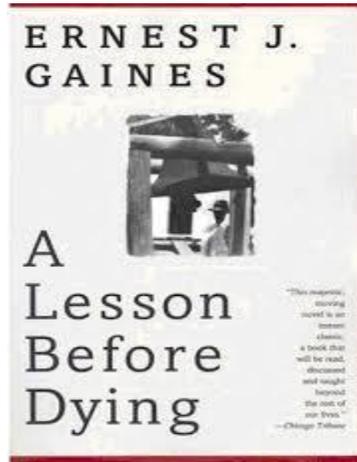


Incoming 10th Grade English Summer Reading ~ 2016

Dear Students:

ALL incoming 10th grade ELA students **are required to read the following novel over the summer**. Evaluation of your reading will take place the **first week** of the course.



Ernest J. Gaines: A Lesson Before Dying

Grant Wiggins has been teaching on a plantation outside Bayonne, Louisiana, for several years when a slow-witted man named Jefferson is convicted of murder and sentenced to death. Jefferson claims he is innocent of the crime.

Submission Deadline

- You will submit your summer assignment the first week of school.
- *This assignment will count as a grade for the 1st six weeks.*

You can find this book at places like:

1. Borders
2. Barnes & Noble
3. Amazon.com
4. Half Price Books
5. Local Library

Summer Reading Assignment

1. **Dialectical Journals- YOU MUST WRITE 20 ENTRIES.** Dialectical journals are journals in which the reader records a mental conversation with the text. (SEE ATTACHED EXAMPLE)

You can use these journals to:

- Summarize and question
- Pose questions
- Read closely for details, images, diction, etc.
- Notice patterns
- Write analysis and make connections
- Connect method to purpose, effect, and meaning
- Make choices about evidence
- Document quotes
- Make inferences about characters, symbols, etc.

WARNING: Do not wait until the last minute. This reading is for your own good. We expect you to do your *own* work. Plagiarism will result in an automatic “0”.

Have a safe summer,

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