

STANDARD SENIOR SUMMER READING

Stillwater Christian School

Summer 2011

- Read *Sea Wolf* by Jack London.
 - Complete a reading record card (instructions below)
 - Complete the attached chart comparing the philosophies of Humphrey and Wolf and yourself. Note these differences as you proceed through the book—don't do it at the end. You are looking for ways that Wolf and Humphrey AND YOU look at life and its events.
 - Be prepared, when school begins in the fall, for activities involving this work.
 - Copies of the book are available for checkout in the high school office.
 - If you have already read this book, please contact your teacher for an alternate selection.
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- Read *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry.
 - Complete a reading record card on this play.
 - Be prepared for activities involving this work when school begins in the fall.
 - If you have already read this play, please contact your teacher for an alternate selection.
 - If you have trouble understanding the work, ask another student to read it with you and discuss it as you go. A group reading—with a different person for each character—works well, too.

READING RECORD CARDS

On the first day of school in the fall you will submit a **5 x 8 card** for each of the two required summer reading selections. The format for each card is:

- ✓ Title and Author
- ✓ Date of original publication
- ✓ Setting: time and place
- ✓ Plot synopsis: eight to fifteen sentences—enough to help you remember later
- ✓ Characters: brief description of each (label **protagonist** and **antagonist**)
- ✓ Personal response to the content and style of the book: three to six sentences (If you say, “I liked the book,” tell why. If not, tell why. Be specific.)

(NOTE: Do not use more than one card—front and back OK if needed—for each work.)

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Dear Parents and SCS Seniors:

To hone reading skills, to increase appreciation for fine literature, and to enhance classroom activities at the beginning of the school year, high school students are required to read two classics during the course of the summer.

On the first day of school in the fall, each senior in Standard English 12 should submit a Reading Record Card for each of the two books read. These cards will be given the first two grades of the first quarter: either "A," "C," or "RE-DO." In the fall, students will participate in activities where understanding of the books is essential.

For *Sea Wolf*, a chart comparing philosophies is also required. This is a way to focus on the different views of life presented in the book. This book makes a great opportunity for families to discuss their own views of life and counter the arguments of the naturalists of the time period.

Advanced Placement seniors will be required to read more books during the summer. These students have different guidelines for analysis of their reading material.

Please see the grade-specific instructions and guidelines on the back of this page. If you have questions, feel free to call me for clarification. Thank you! I expect the experience to be profitable, and I appreciate your support for on-going learning!

Mrs. Wilson, Teacher

