

**PRE-ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT  
ENGLISH I, II, III, & IV**

**REQUIRED SUMMER READING FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR**

*Purpose: The purpose of MISD high school summer reading is for students to be exposed to a common work of literature in each grade level which addresses the literature themes of the MISD curriculum as well as the curricular needs required by the College Board. This work and its summer assignments shall be accessible to students in accordance to the skills taught in their previous advanced placement course. The work shall also aid in class discussion and in composition not only at the beginning but also throughout the school year.*

Grade level focus

<u>Pre-AP English I</u>	Pre-AP literature with eighth grade pre-AP skills focus
<u>Pre-AP English II</u>	AP level world literature with ninth grade pre-AP skills focus
<u>AP English III</u>	AP level nonfiction with tenth grade pre-AP focus
<u>AP English IV</u>	Commonly used College Board novel

Titles

<u>Pre-AP English I</u>	<i>The Princess Bride</i> by William Goldman
<u>Pre-AP English II</u>	<i>Poisonwood Bible</i> by Barbara Kingsolver
<u>AP English III</u>	<i>Fast Food Nation</i> by Eric Schlosser
<u>AP English IV</u>	<i>Invisible Man</i> by Ralph Ellison

Assessment: Novels will be assessed with a reflection journal and a written assessment. Students will receive a writing grade and a test grade for the first six weeks. The grading rubric will be published on the MISD website. Watching a movie, reading such material as Cliff's Notes, or depending on internet sites will not adequately prepare students to take these tests or to do the required work in their Pre-AP and AP English classes.

Please direct questions about the reading, the tests, or the classes to the English Department Chairperson at your high school.