

English II Pre-AP
Reading Assignment

Summer 2009

Welcome to English II Pre-AP. We are looking forward to meeting you and feel confident that we will have a productive year. The English II Pre-AP curriculum emphasizes the study of literature through a thematic analysis, with composition based upon that analysis. We also will build upon the literary foundation you have been building during your study in English I Pre-AP. The major themes and *possible* literary selections we will read next year include:

THEMES

Search for Identity
Choices and Consequences

Turning Points
Legacies for the Future

POSSIBLE SELECTIONS

My Name Is Asher Lev
To Kill a Mockingbird
Rebecca
Macbeth/Julius Caesar
Of Mice and Men
Choice Novels: *Ender's Game*,
Animal Farm,
Something Wicked This Way Comes,
Anthem, *Fahrenheit 451*,
Brave New World,
Their Eyes Were Watching God

Directions:

During the summer read *My Name is Asher Lev* by Chaim Potok. We will use this selection as the foundation for our analysis of the theme of man's search for identity. As you read, consider how the protagonist is searching for his identity. While reading, identify three (3) brief passages in the novel which reflect the character's search for self-identity. Highlight these passages in the text; be prepared to discuss the readings and write an essay during the first week of school.

We look forward to meeting you in August. Enjoy your summer!

Teachers of English II Pre-AP

NOTE: Owning a personal paperback copy of the novels assigned enables the student to make notes, highlight passages, and write in the margins during our course of study. While this is not required, it is strongly encouraged.