

Renaissance High School

English 7/8H

Summer Packet

Rationale: Summer reading is an integral part of a student's continuity of education. It functions as a foundation for the next school year and offers students an opportunity to explore and expand their appreciation of literature during the summer.

All students are required to select and read one of the following novels: *The Fire Next Time* by James Baldwin; *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates; or *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe and complete the following activities and questions. **ALL ANSWERS MUST BE ELECTRONICALLY SUBMITTED.**

The 12th grade will be focusing on **Symbolism, Theme, Cultural and Historical Context, and Author's Voice.**

Directions: All Honors 7/8 English students must register online to the **Schoology: 2019 Summer Reading Packet Resources: Section 1**. The Access Code is **R85F-98KS-6R942**. This educational site contains the three reading selections: PDF copies of the novels, audio versions of the novels, and the mandatory assignments, including a literary analysis. Essays must be in MLA format. Refer to owl.purdue.edu/owl/purdue_owl.html for proper MLA format.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.11-12.1

Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.11-12.4

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term or terms over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10).

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.11-12.2

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.11-12.5.A

Interpret figures of speech (e.g., hyperbole, paradox) in context and analyze their role in the text.