

2009 CHAMPS SUMMER READING

Periodical Assessments

During the ten weeks of vacation, *all* CHAMPS students are to read the five magazine/blog articles listed below and, *for each*, respond to the questions which follow. The articles are available at any newsstand. They're also can be found for free on the internet.

Magazines and blogs:

- ◆ The cover story of *The New York Times Sunday Magazine* (June 28)
- ◆ The cover story of *Time Magazine* (July 6)
- ◆ The cover story of *Entertainment Weekly* (July 17)
- ◆ The cover story of *LA Weekly* (August 6)
- ◆ Christopher Buckley's most recent blog (as of August 17) on thedailybeast.com

For each of the articles, respond to the following questions:

1. What was the most surprising thing that you learned about the subject of this article?
2. What do you think was the real reason (or motivation) that the author had for choosing to write this article? Did the article seem in any way biased?
3. List three questions that you have about the article's subject that weren't answered in the article.

Write a paragraph for each set of questions. These article assessments constitute your first English class assignment for the 2009-2010 school year. Make sure to read the entire article and put forth a strong effort. Pay close attention to the assigned article dates!

E-mail your responses to your English teacher before school begins (preferably during the week the article appears). Attach every response (as a Word document); *do not* imbed your response into the e-mail itself. Finally, remember to create an appropriate heading in the upper-left of the page (including your name, teacher's name, class, and date). E-mail your assessments to:

- ◆ Mr. Cantrell for incoming 9th graders: acantrel@umich.edu
- ◆ Mr. Bailey for incoming 10th graders: mrbailey66@msn.com
- ◆ All incoming 11th graders: CHAMPSJuniorEnglish@gmail.com
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Summer Reading

Along with the periodical assessments, **all students are to read the selected grade-level play *and* book.** Honors students must also read the third text listed. Be prepared for an assignment, project, or exam regarding these works during the 1st week of school!

Incoming Freshmen

Play: *A Raisin in the Sun*, Lorraine Hansberry

Book: *Uglies*, Scott Westerfeld

Honors: *Nickel and Dimed*, Barbara Ehrenreich

Incoming Sophomores

Play: *Fences*, August Wilson

Book: *The Road*, Cormac McCarthy

Honors: *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*, Jonathan Safran Foer

Incoming Juniors

Play: *The Glass Menagerie*, Tennessee Williams

Book: *The Things They Carried*, Tim O'Brien

Honors: *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*

Incoming Seniors

Play: *Waiting For Godot*, Samuel Beckett

Book: *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, Mark Haddon

Honors: *The Poisonwood Bible*, Barbara Kingsolver