

SUMMER READING REQUIREMENTS
Matanzas High School
English Honors III

Students enrolling in **English Honors III** must read the following novel over the summer and complete the accompanying assignment. The work will be collected on September 18th of the school year.

1. *Catch-22* by: Joseph Heller

- You must respond to all the questions. In your answers, include facts, ideas, reasons, supporting details, quotes and/or examples from throughout the novels to support your answers. Each essay must contain an introductory statement (thesis), a substantial body and a well thought-out conclusion.
- Responses will be assessed on how well you have demonstrated your understanding, knowledge and interpretation of the novel, and how well your essays demonstrate: focus, organization and support, using the conventions of standard American English, such as grammar, spelling, punctuation, capitalization, tense, verb-subject agreement, etc.
- Most responses will require approximately about one to two double-spaced typed pages (five or more paragraphs) to respond fully.
- All work must be your OWN. Plagiarism will NOT be tolerated.
- A **hard copy** of the assignment will be due in class on September 18th depending on your schedule next year.
- The assignment must **also** be turned into www.turnitin.com by midnight on the due date. You will learn how to sign into this website during the first week of school.
- Late penalties are as follows: 1/2 credit for any assignment turned in after the due date, **after two weeks the assignment will no longer be accepted**

Background Knowledge

Before reading this novel, consider reviewing the information on the following sites and their links to learn more about the author and life during and after World War II. These sites may help you better understand the novel. (Please understand that consulting the sites will not yield enough substantive information to respond adequately to the essay questions!)

<http://www.kirjasto.sci.fi/heller.htm>

<http://www.abc.net.au/rn/bookshow/stories/2008/2266926.htm>

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1. Analyze the impact of Heller's choice of a satiric writing style on his novel. Would the book have been as effective if it had been written in a more serious manner? How might readers' responses to the novel have been different? Would the book have the same meaning if the style were different?

Questions?

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My website is also available with other helpful links.

www.flaglerschools.com/teacher/lafountainc

The following books are not required reading, but can be a wonderful source of enrichment for the eleventh grade English student.

The Bluest Eye

East of Eden

Ethan Frome

The Awakening

The House on Mango Street

The Good Earth

Toni Morrison

John Steinbeck

Edith Wharton

Kate Chopin

Sandra Cisneros

Pearl Buck

You might also check the following site from the College Board for the 101 great books recommended for the college bound student. How many have you read?

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/plan/boost-your-skills/23628.html>