



# HELENA HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Honors English II students:

Welcome to the HHS Honors English II program for 2016-2017! We look forward to working with you. This coming year you will be exploring adventurous texts that examine humanity as a whole. You will learn and apply theory and philosophy to literature in order to expand your own understanding of the texts themselves and add to your own experience and enjoyment as a reader. Furthermore, there will be a significant focus on the writing process and the modes of compare/contrast and exemplification in addition to argumentative, narrative, and informative writing styles. As an honors student, it is our expectation that you come to class with a commitment to excellence, and it is our goal that you leave our classes with a love of literature and writing.

Students are encouraged to read a variety of texts over the summer including literature, news articles, essays, and poetry. Additionally, your Honors English II summer read is *The Sunflower* by Simon Wiesenthal. A thorough understanding of this text along with the essays that follow are due the first day of school. We will assess your reading through a variety of discussion and writing activities.

Copies of *The Sunflower* are available in the main office for checkout. You will be responsible for returning the text in the fall.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Warmly,

Helena High English Department

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