

# TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

## 2011 Summer Reading Requirement for Incoming Freshmen

To foster active reading and a love of literature, all incoming freshmen are required to read two novels over the summer:

### Pre-IB English I



*Fahrenheit 451* (ISBN 978-0-345-34296-6) by Ray Bradbury

*The Chosen* (ISBN 978-0-449-21344-5) by Chaim Potok

### College Prep English I

*Nectar in a Sieve* (ISBN 978-0-451-528230 ) by Kamala Markandaya

*The Chosen* (ISBN 978-0-449-21344-5) by Chaim Potok

Students are expected to read actively by highlighting important passages and taking marginal notes in their books. Please follow these directions for notations:

- a. Take the time to look up and write the definition of any word that you cannot define.
- b. Limit the highlighting. Highlighted passages should stand out. It is helpful to write the reason you highlighted the passage because it is hard to remember the reason when school begins.
- c. If you notice a repeated pattern, such as an image or idea, number the times that you come across it.
- d. Comment on literary techniques in the text, such as setting, point of view, figurative language, or use of flashbacks. Jot a note.
- e. Circle every new character. Write adjectives which describe the character.
- f. Comment on the internal and/or external conflicts the characters are involved in. How do they handle the conflicts? What does this say about their personalities?
- g. Comment on the body language and personality traits that the characters demonstrate.

All students should be ready for an objective test on this reading at the beginning of the school year, regardless of when their English class is scheduled. They should bring their paperback editions of these novels to the first class meeting and be prepared to show evidence of their active reading. Please purchase the editions indicated above.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Rose Crnkovich, English Department Chair, at (708) 453-8392 or e-mail: [ib@trinityhs.org](mailto:ib@trinityhs.org).

*Have a safe and happy summer!  
Enjoy the novels!*