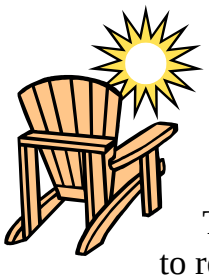

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

2011 Summer Reading Requirement for Pre-IB Sophomores

To foster active reading and a love of literature, Pre-IB sophomores are required to read two novels over the summer:

My Antonia (ISBN 9780743487696) by Willa Cather
The Glass Menagerie (ISBN 9780811214049) by Tennessee Williams

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

1. Take the time to look up and write the definition of any word that is new to you.
2. Limit the highlighting to those passages that are most striking. It is helpful to write the reason you highlighted the passage, because it is difficult to remember when school begins.
3. If you notice a repeated pattern, such as of an idea or image, make a note of it.
4. Comment on literary techniques in the text, such as setting, point of view, figurative language, irony, or use of flashbacks. Write an explanatory note.
5. Circle every new character. Write adjectives which describe the character.
6. 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?
7. Comment on the theme or main idea. What does the story reveal about the human condition?

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

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

Have a safe and happy summer!
Enjoy the books!

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