

## Summer Reading 2015

I hope you have a wonderful summer, filled with many great books and family time. The following books are available in your local library, bookstore, or online. Your assignment should be ready the first day of school. All essays must be in MLA format; see <http://formatically.com/> for an MLA template to make an easy finished essay!

### **Assignment #1: Ernest Hemingway, *Old Man and the Sea***

Essay: Your essay must follow this format:

**Introduction:** Your introduction must begin with a short summary of the story, stressing the *meaning* of what happens, not just what happens. Your summary **MUST** include the following thesis sentence: "In Santiago, the central character of *The Old Man and the Sea*, Ernest Hemingway has created a hero with honor, courage, and endurance."

**Body Paragraph #1:** Give three specific incidents through which Santiago reveals his sense of HONOR. Include details, quotes, page numbers.

**Body Paragraph #2:** Give three specific incidents through which Santiago reveals his COURAGE. Include details, quotes, page numbers.

**Body Paragraph #3:** Give three specific incidents through which Santiago reveals his ENDURANCE. Include details, quotes, page numbers.

**Conclusion:** In your conclusion, restate the three above traits of Santiago's character in your own words. You should then expand your paragraph to discuss the lesson, moral, or theme of the novel. What can a reader learn about himself or the world from reading this novel?

### **Assignment #2: *The Time Machine*, by H.G. Wells**

Be prepared to take a test on this the first week of school.

### **Assignment #3 (optional - honors): Novel of your choice**

After reading a novel of your choice, you will be writing an essay examining *gender issues* in your book. How are male and female characters portrayed? How does the novel portray their roles? How does gender influence the choices that are available to the characters and the decisions that they make? Write a paper that explores **how gender affects the plot and character development in the novel.**

*Alternate choice:* Discuss how the novel would be different if the genders of the main characters were reversed.