

# Ringgold High School

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## Junior Honors English Summer Reading

Dear Junior Honors Student,

You have registered to take **11<sup>th</sup> Honors English and/or AP English Language and Composition**. This class is a rigorous course with high expectations. To prepare you for the work we will do during the next school year, you will need to read the following titles before school begins. You will be tested over these books/dramas the first week of the semester in which you are scheduled to take this class. There will be no discussion of the texts prior to the exams.

Read the following books:

*The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald  
*A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest Gaines

As you read these selections, it would be beneficial to make notes about the **plot, universal themes, archetypes, symbols, characters, etc.** to help you review for the exams. I would suggest that you highlight in your books and make notes there as well. Works of *literary merit* require several close readings of the texts in order to determine what the text reveals about the human experience and human behavior.

Please secure a copy of Edith Hamilton's *Mythology* to use as a reference tool. A copy of the bible and a dictionary are also useful tools to acquire. Copies of all the above books are usually available at McKay's at an affordable price.

**Please familiarize yourself with the following RHS Honors English course expectation:**

*From the syllabus.* . . "Late work will **NOT** be accepted. All assignments must be **ON TIME, EVERY TIME!** Turning in late work and producing poor quality work are unbecoming behaviors for an honors student to display."

You may email me at school about any questions you might have about the assignments. My email address is [wallison.rhs@catoosa.k12.ga.us](mailto:wallison.rhs@catoosa.k12.ga.us).

Sincerely,

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