As an honors English student, it is expected that upon entering the classroom you are an active reader and are willing to demonstrate your reading proficiency very early in the first semester and plan to further develop that proficiency throughout the year. It is our hope that beyond helping you to sharpen your analytical reading and critical thinking skills, this summer reading assignment will keep your mind active and challenged while encouraging a love for reading.

A. Required Text:
   A Separate Peace by John Knowles

B. Choose one of the following:
   Coffee Will Make You Black – April Sinclair
   The Breadwinner - Deborah Ellis
   The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time - Mark Haddon
   When the Emperor Was Divine – Julie Otsuka
   Caramelo – Sandra Cisneros
   The Natural – Bernard Malamud
   In the Time of Butterflies – Julia Alvarez
   This Boy’s Life – Tobias Wolff
   A Yellow Raft in Blue Water- Michael Dorris

C. There will be an assessment on your reading during the first week of school.

D. Notes Activities and Assessments:
   As you read, take notes and annotate both texts to prepare for class discussion and/or assessment for the first week of school. You will be expected to know literary elements such as plot, theme, character, conflict, setting mood, and any other convention/idea that may be helpful for the essay test. You should be ready to identify the theme of each book you read and to address how the author uses his/her craft (the author's use of literary conventions) to develop the themes and the story. You will need to review the attached rubric and have copies of both texts available for your use.