Book I:  Read the following novel and complete the assignment described.

_Things Fall Apart_ by Chinua Achebe
Things Fall Apart is the first of three novels in Chinua Achebe's critically acclaimed African Trilogy. It is a classic narrative about Africa's cataclysmic encounter with Europe as it establishes a colonial presence on the continent. Told through the fictional experiences of Okonkwo, a wealthy and fearless Igbo warrior of Umuofia in the late 1800s, Things Fall Apart explores one man's futile resistance to the devaluing of his Igbo traditions by British political and religious forces and his despair as his community capitulates to the powerful new order.

**Assignment: Character Analysis Paper**
As you read, take notes about the character traits of the main character. Determine if those character traits are positive and/or negative. You will need this information to write the essay for the novel. Notes must be typed and submitted to turnitin.com to check for plagiarism.

Write an essay in which you analyze the main character of the novel. Using the character traits that you ascribe to him, analyze how those character traits portray him as a representative of the African people during the time of British imperialism. Use evidence from your notes to support your analysis including well cited quotes.

Notes and essay must be submitted to turnitin.com by _27 July 2018_.

Book II:  Read the following book and complete the assignment described.

_House Rules_ by Jodi Picoult
Jacob Hunt is a teen with Asperger’s syndrome. He’s hopeless at reading social cues or expressing himself well to others, though he is brilliant in many ways. But he has a special focus on one subject—forensic analysis. A police scanner in his room clues him in to crime scenes, and he’s always showing up and telling the cops what to do. And he’s usually right. But when Jacob’s small hometown is rocked by a terrible murder, law enforcement comes to him. Jacob’s behaviors are hallmark Asperger’s, but they look a lot like guilt to the local police. Suddenly the Hunt family, who only want to fit in, are directly in the spotlight. And over this small family, the soul-searing question looms: Did Jacob commit murder?

**Assignment: Theme Essay**
As you read, take notes about the events that happen in the book and the five main characters in the book. You will need this information to write the essay for the novel. Notes must be typed and submitted to turnitin.com to check for plagiarism.

Write an essay in which you answer the following prompt:

Rules are a prescribed guide for conduct or action. Write an essay in which you discuss the thoughts and actions of the five narrators of the book in regards to this definition of rules.

Notes and essay  must be submitted to turnitin.com by _24 August 2018_.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

All students must word process their papers using GoogleDocs. All work for these assignments must be original. You are not expected, nor are you encouraged, to consult reference materials. The instructor wishes to evaluate your ability to read, interpret, analyze, and write about the literature. He does not wish to evaluate the work of a professional literary critic or study aids such as gradesaver.com or sparknotes.com.

For each essay students are expected to be able to write more than a five paragraph essay! Essay should be typed using MLA format and include in-text citation and works cited page. (See below)

Summer reading will constitute two test grades on the first quarter. Late assignments will not be accepted without contact before the due date. Failure to hand in assignments on time will result in possible dismissal from the 12 Honors class. Assignments will be evaluated based on reading and writing skills displayed, quality of content, time and effort invested, and ability to follow directions.

Questions should be sent to goudreaur@bsd-ri.net.

In-Text Citations: Author-Page Style

MLA format follows the author-page method of in-text citation. This means that the author's last name and the page number(s) from which the quotation or paraphrase is taken must appear in the text, and a complete reference should appear on your Works Cited page. The author's name may appear either in the sentence itself or in parentheses following the quotation or paraphrase, but the page number(s) should always appear in the parentheses, not in the text of your sentence. For example:

Wordsworth stated that Romantic poetry was marked by a "spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings" (263).

Romantic poetry is characterized by the "spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings" (Wordsworth 263).

Both citations in the examples above, (263) and (Wordsworth 263), tell readers that the information in the sentence can be located on page 263 of a work by an author named Wordsworth. If readers want more information about this source, they can turn to the Works Cited page, where, under the name of Wordsworth, they would find the following information:

Use “Insert” then “Page Break” to make sure that your works cited page is a new page. Sample below.

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