

Woodside International School REQUIRED SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS 2010

School starts Monday, August 31st

If you are not sure which English class you will be taking this fall, please call the school at 415-564-1063. Students enrolling late in the summer should discuss with a school representative what their summer reading requirement will be. **All assignments related to this summer reading will be factored into the student's first progress report grade.**

New and Returning American Students:

Incoming Freshmen and Sophomores

***Best American Short Stories of the Century* by John Updike**

Publisher: Mariner Books, **ISBN-10:** 0395843677

You will need a copy of "Best American Short Stories of the Century" (paperback) edited by John Updike. It's a great value for the price. **Read at least eight stories from 1960 on.** Some places to start might be O'Brien's "The Things they Carried", Oates' "Where Are You Going, Where Have You Been?" Carver's "Where I'm Calling From" and Jen's "Birthmates". Pick some titles which seem intriguing to you.

Instructions: After you've read the stories, write a personal response about one character with whom you felt a connection. It could be because of their background, their personality, some choice they had to make, etc. Why did you identify with that character and his or her experience? About 500 words.

Incoming Juniors

***Wise Blood: A Novel* by Flannery O'Connor**

Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux

ISBN-10: 0374530637; **ISBN-13:** 978-0374530631

***The Lost Steps* by Alejo Carpentier**

Publisher: Univ. Of Minnesota Press

ISBN-10: 0816638071; **ISBN-13:** 978-0816638079

Please purchase the book early. You may experience difficulty finding it if you wait until the last minute. Amazon.com carries these titles as do most local bookstores.

Be sure to read carefully and take notes. Be prepared to take a test on the material during the first week of school.

Instructions: Write a commentary of about 450 words, typed and double-spaced. Comment on any aspect of the book you find interesting.

Incoming Seniors

***Wise Blood: A Novel* by Flannery O'Connor**

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Seniors must also research colleges that they are considering, and bring in the application (with the essay question) on the **FIRST DAY** of school. A minimum of three applications is required. We will be working on college essays upon your return from summer.

New and returning international students' summer English assignments are on the back of this page.

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New and Returning International Students:

There are two English teachers for international students. Each teacher has a separate requirement. Students who find these assignments too challenging need to email the school at info@wissf.org. We recommend that all Beginning ELL students take intensive English classes during the summer. Please call or email the office if you have any questions.

<p>ELL A with Mr. Noonan – Beginning to Intermediate English</p> <p><i>Aesop’s Fables</i> translated by S.A. Handford ISBN: 0-14-036984-8</p>	<p><u>Instructions</u></p> <p>Make a list of 25 words you don’t know. Look them up in a dictionary. Write down each word, its part of speech, and a definition. Use each word in a sentence of your own.</p> <p>Write a summary of the book in your own words. It should be one page long, typed, and double-spaced.</p> <p>You can find these well-known, classic books at the library or any bookstore. If you'd like to order online from Amazon.com or BarnesandNoble.com, search by the title and author.</p>
<p>English II/III A with Mr. Noonan – Intermediate to Advanced English</p> <p><i>O Pioneers!</i> by Willa Cather ISBN: 9780486277851</p>	
<p>ELL B with Mr. Welch – Beginning to Intermediate English</p> <p>Write a one-page description of one place you stayed at or visited this summer. Write a short composition of about 200-400 words that describes the place and some things that a visitor might be interested in: places to see, food, nightlife, weather, environment, natural and historical sites, etc.</p>	
<p>English II/III B with Mr. Welch – Intermediate to Advanced English</p> <p>Choose a topic which is of interest to you, and which has been in the news lately. This could be a national or international issue, or a topic in the arts or sciences. Find three articles of at least 500 words (10 paragraphs or more) about that topic in different papers, magazines or websites. Highlight or underline any new words and look them up. Then write a one-page response where you give your own opinion of the topic, and also explain how that articles influenced your opinion. Bring the response and copies of the articles.</p>	