Summer Reading Assignment

AP Literature

The summer reading and writing assignments have been a valuable learning and preparation tool for the AP Literature students. Please plan for sufficient reading, thinking and writing time during your summer vacation. Be sure to choose a title you have not read or studied before. I encourage you to obtain a personal copy of the work, so you may more readily annotate (highlight, make notes and ask questions in the margins). The books can be purchased at most bookstores, or you may also check out available copies from the public or school libraries; however, you will need to annotate and record page numbers on paper rather than in the book. Assignments are to be completed on your own without the aid of anything or anyone else. The reading provides you with literary background that will be useful throughout the year and in preparation for the AP exam in May of 2012.

Closely read and annotate a novel of your choice from the award-winning modern works of literary merit listed below:

- Bless Me Ultima—Rudolfo Anaya
- The Kite Runner—Khaled Hosseini
- The Poisonwood Bible—Barbara Kingsolver
- The Namesake—Jhump Lahiri
- Life of Pi—Yann Martel
- The Road—Cormac McCarthy
- Atonement—Ian McEwan
- Ceremony—Leslie Marmon Silko

Annotation Guide-- As you closely read, make personal explanatory notes in your book or on your paper using the following ideas:

- Pay attention to your first impressions and write them down
- Ask questions and make predictions
- Make personal connections
- Identify any allusions
- Watch for symbols and use of irony
- Analyze themes
- Highlight memorable lines
- Consider the characters and their motivations
- Identify the point of view
- Discern tone

Please complete as least five entries per chapter. Contact Mrs. Hammond at melinda.hammond@nebo.edu with any questions you may have.