

Mrs. Spanner

Honors English IV

Summer 2016

Assignments:

1. **Read** one book of literary merit from the *New York Times* bestseller list (http://www.nytimes.com/books/best-sellers/?_r=0). Next, take notes on the characters, plot, and themes and be ready to write an essay the first week of school.
2. Spend part of the summer investigating your college options. Visit campuses if possible; check out catalogs in the guidance office or local libraries; use the Internet to do virtual tours and gather information.

THEN: Make a list of at least five colleges to which you plan to apply. Submit the list which must include the name and location of each school as well as a paragraph about each school indicating the reasons your planning to apply there, as well as the pros and cons of each school.

NEXT, gather the applications (as many are available online) and complete one actual college application essay. You may use a common application question or a personal essay if your college does not require an essay. Attach the assigned question from the application (make a copy) to your essay and make sure there is an indication of which school actually made this particular assignment.

DUE: The annotated list of colleges and application essay are both due the first day of school.