

Freshman English Summer Reading Information

Teacher: Mrs. Hendershot

Summer Reading:

On-level students: Read *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway.

***The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway (Fiction)**

- Set in the ocean off the Florida coast, *The Old Man and the Sea* chronicles the struggle of an aging Cuban fisherman and his greatest catch. Santiago, described as *salao*, the worst form of unlucky, has gone 84 days without catching a fish. On the 85th day, Santiago sails his skiff into the Gulf Stream, sets his fishing lines, and snags a marlin. Through his challenging ordeal at sea, Santiago realizes that a man can persevere and prevail in the most difficult of circumstances.

Instructions:

Read carefully for **detail and meaning**. Read with a pen or pencil in your hand and make notes in your book as you read. Your teacher will be checking your books for annotations during the first days of the year.

- Circle character names as they first appear and make notes in the margins about who the characters are.
- Mark passages that indicate important character traits not yet revealed, and write notes in margin.
- Underline or highlight sentences that stand out to you.
- Write questions or comments in the margins.
- Write notes about theme (the message the author is trying to present) in the margins or at the ends of chapters.
- Write key words at the tops of pages that indicate important events or thematic elements covered.
- At the end of each chapter, write a few bullet points that will remind you of the important elements of that chapter.

Supplies:

Bring these supplies with you on the first day of school.

- 3-ring binder with dividers
- 1 package notebook paper
- Several black or blue ink pens, red ink pen for peer editing, highlighter, and small Post-it notes (for marking passages in books)
- A box of Kleenex