

## JUNIOR ENGLISH SUMMER READING INFORMATION

### TEACHER: MS. BARROW

If you cannot find the book of your choice in bookstore, you can purchase it from Amazon.

#### BOOK CHOICES:

Choose one of the following.

- ***My Journey with Maya* by Tavis Smiley** – Tavis Smiley draws on his memories of writer, poet, and activist, Maya Angelou, and recalls the insights about life that she shared with him during their twenty-eight year friendship.
- ***7: An Experimental Mutiny Against Excess* by Jen Hatmaker** – Jen Hatmaker looked at her life and realized that she was living a life of affluence and excess that could be interfering with her commitment to Christ and his will. In this book, she shares the 7-month journey she took to learn to let go of the excess.
- ***The Camel Knows the Way* by Lorna Kelly** – Lorna Kelly tells the story of her journey to India to meet and work with Mother Teresa and how this meeting changed her life forever.
- ***From the Deep Woods to Civilization* by Charles Alexander Eastman** - Charles Eastman (Ohiyesa - “The Winner”) gives his account of what it was like to transition from the ways of his Indian life to that of the white man, beginning at age 15. He converts to Christianity and attends the white man's school. It also chronicles his life in college to becoming a doctor at Pine Ridge in South Dakota, his marriage to Elaine Goodale, and his involvement in politics, the YMCA, and Boy Scouts of America.

#### 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. What to mark?

- Circle character names as they first appear and make notes in the margins about who the characters are.
- Write questions or comments in the margins so you will be ready to ask your teacher later.
- At the end of each chapter, write a few bullet points that will remind you of the important events of that chapter. This will help during class discussions, quizzes, and writing assignments.
- Feel free to mark anything else that you feel is important.
- The teacher will take up your book the first days and check this for a grade.

#### FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL:

We will begin on the **first day of school**. It will not be a wasted day, so be ready.

- Bring your book to school with you.
- Expect a quiz and other activities related to the book.

#### SUPPLIES:

Every day you will need the following supplies available:

- Your computer charged and ready to use
- The book we are reading (novel or textbook)
- Black or blue pen
- A pen of another color