

English III Honors Summer Reading Assignment 2009

Welcome to English III Honors!

1 ♦ All English III Honors students will read The Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller.

2 ♦ You may then choose between:

Their Eyes Were Watching God, by Zora Neale Hurston

OR

The Things They Carried, by Tim O'Brien*

***Parents: please note that *The Things They Carried* contains strong images of war and offensive language. Please choose accordingly.**

3 ♦ Writing Component- DUE August 20th.

Consider the topic of dishonesty as it relates to your fiction choice. Choose one character in your book, and connect his/her actions to one or more of the types of lies detailed in Ericsson's "The Ways We Lie" essay. (Can be printed from <http://www.shoreline.edu/doldham/101/HTML/Ericsson.pdf> and it is also available through a link on my SharePoint page) In a journal entry answer 3 questions:

1. **How was the character dishonest (type of lie), and to whom was he/she dishonest?**
Give an example from the book of this character lying either to himself/herself or others.
2. **Then, did the character have any consequences for the lie? How so?**
3. **Did it change the character in any way? Did the lie affect other characters in the book? How so?**

Write an essay of at least 500 words in which you answer the questions above. The essay should have a thesis statement located in the first paragraph, should be coherent, and well-developed. Please take time to integrate direct quotations from the book **AND FROM ERICSSON'S ESSAY** into your writing as examples.

→When you are finished with the essay, please attach it to an e-mail and send it to me at sarah1@wcs.edu with the subject line as your last name no later than August 20th, or I will take it in class.