

Welcome to English 2XL! The summer reading texts are listed below.

### **SUMMER READING**

1. This summer, all sophomores are **required to read *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe [ISBN 978-0-385-47454-2]**. This book will be addressed in English next year, and it will be referenced throughout the year in various programs; therefore, it is important that you carefully read this text.

2. For English 2XL, you are also **required to read *The Martian Chronicles* by Ray Bradbury [ISBN 1451678193]**. It has a red cover.

Double check each ISBN to ensure that you have purchased **the correct paper version** of each text (**no eBook or PDF allowed**). You may opt to buy a used book if the ISBN is correct and the book has not already been annotated (since you will be annotating your texts in 2XL).

3. Assignment: Be sure to carefully annotate *Things Fall Apart* and *The Martian Chronicles* as you read. Annotations should reveal your level of engagement with the text (do NOT simply underline and/or highlight). When annotating, be sure to

- Circle unfamiliar words. Try to figure out their meanings through context, and then look them up in the dictionary. Record the definitions in your book.
- Summarize plot development and character descriptions in the margins.
- Take note of any quotations that reveal new meanings or character insight; these will be useful for class discussion and essay writing.
- Trace themes, symbols and motifs throughout the story.
- Mark any passages that confuse or interest you.

3. Assessment: In the first few days of school, you will be tested on your understanding of *The Martian Chronicles*. You will take an objective test (multiple choice), and you will write about the novel. You will also write an essay about *Things Fall Apart*.