

# Pioneer Valley High School English 1 Honors Summer Assignment

Welcome to Pioneer Valley High School!

You are enrolled in English 1 Honors at PVHS and this means that you are about to embark on an exciting journey of preparation for Advanced Placement (AP) English and college success. Your test scores, writing skills, and teacher's recommendation indicate that you have what it takes to push the limits of what a high school education can be. We are excited to meet you and help you begin a successful year in Pre-AP English 1 Honors. Being in Honors, and eventually AP, means that you are committed to doing some extra work during the summer. Below you will find the summer assignment that you **must** complete in order to start in English 1 Honors in good standing when you arrive in August. Please read it carefully and follow the directions. The assignment is the same no matter who your teacher is for English 1 Honors.

1. Read *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck
  - a. You can find an online PDF copy of the novel at the links below, but you are encouraged instead to purchase your own copy so that you can annotate the book as you read. Purchasing the book is not a requirement, but as an Honors student, you will want to make notes in an actual book as you read in order to fully understand the important concepts of the novel.
2. Take a test on the entire novel in August when school begins. This test will assess your comprehension of the book's characters, plot, setting, conflicts, and important ideas.

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