

Honors English II Summer Reading

Incoming Honors English II students must read:

- *The Glass Menagerie*, by Tennessee Williams

AND one of the following:

- *Jurassic Park*, by Michael Crichton (violence, language)
- *Alice in Wonderland*, by Lewis Carroll (absurdity, weirdness)
- *A Child Called It*, by Dave Pelzer (non-fiction, violence)
- *The Fault in Our Stars*, by John Green (language)
- *A Lesson Before Dying*, by Ernest Gaines

Assignments

The Glass Menagerie will be the subject of a day two comprehension and literary analysis exam.

For your chosen novel, however, you should write an analytical essay. This essay should be 1,000 words or less, typed, in twelve point Times New Roman font, and double-spaced. The essay should include evidence that you have read and understand the text at an appropriate level, and should contain a discernable line of reasoning. Your writing should be an exploration of a single theme, motif, character, or an analysis of the author's use of literary technique(s).