

## **SUMMER HOMEWORK FOR BOTH: WORLD CULTURES HONORS ENGLISH AND SOPHOMORE HONORS ENGLISH**

All honors and AP classes have summer homework. If you plan to go to college, you should ALWAYS be reading something to challenge your brain, build your vocabulary, and enhance your knowledge. For both Sophomore English honors options, you simply need to read this assigned book. During the first week of school you will write an essay about it during class time. This book will require more than just knowing the plot; you are expected to THINK, WONDER, and MAKE INFERENCES. Many students don't start reading this book until August – so it is fresh in their minds when school starts – which is fine. Just start it by Aug. 15 and give yourself a week. While it is “foreign,” this book can really be a parallel to the journey we all take in life.

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### **READ WCSD Approved Book, Siddhartha, by Herman Hesse**

This book has a 9+ reading level and is considered “best for advanced students.” This book is *different* and *challenging* which is why we like it: to show students Honors English requires you to *think, consider, wonder, analyze, and draw your own conclusions*. Because it also relates to our studies next fall, it seems the perfect choice for summer reading. Do NOT read it at surface-level; Siddhartha is a CLASSIC requiring thought, effort, and analysis.

**As you read, it is advisable that you take some notes for yourself on both plot and your response to the events:** what happens in each chapter? Why do YOU think the character does the things he does? Why does the author have the character experience what he does? What does Siddhartha learn through his journey? What are some key quotes that show his growth? Perhaps most important of all: what in the world does his journey have to do with your life in 2010?

### **PLEASE BE AWARE:**

**\*\*\*As an HONORS student you are expected to complete all work without “expert” assistance. You certainly may discuss books with other students, family, and friends, but YOU WILL NOT consult INTERNET sources, Cliff Notes, Spark Notes, or any other similar sources.**

**Having INTEGRITY and DOING YOUR OWN WORK are core concepts of all Honors classes.** You will be held to the highest standards of academic integrity at all times in all classes.

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**We suggest you BUY a copy of the book so you can write your notes IN your copy, but if you would rather borrow a copy from the school, come by room 116 during any break and find the box of books on the front table and SIGN OUT A COPY of Siddhartha.**

**\*\* THERE IS NO OTHER REQUIRED HOMEWORK EXCEPT JUST READING THE BOOK\*\***

**During the first week of school, all students will be writing about Siddhartha IN class;** that is why we advise you to take your own notes that will help you recall and easily find specifics you can use in the writing assignment(s).

You may contact Ms. Campbell with questions about this assignment this summer:  
[mcampbell@washoe.k12.nv.us](mailto:mcampbell@washoe.k12.nv.us) Don't expect a quick response, though; it is summer break.

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**World Cultures Students:** Next Fall you will have a “Cultural Event” assignment to “experience something cultural new to you” and write about it. **You can get a head start on this** if you choose; go experience some of the ART TOWN events in Reno this July! Look in the newspaper for Dance, music, drama, history, museums, art, religion, etc. July is “Art Town” in Reno; there is a ton of cool stuff to do. Go out there and try something new! In August I'll explain the writing.