

To: Incoming English 12 Students
From: The English Department
Re: Summer Reading Assignment
Date: June 2017



Every student enrolled in Themes in World Literature is required to have completed **TWO TEXTS** by the first day of class in September. During the first week of school, you will be assessed on your readings. These assessments will count as English grades for the first marking period.

About the texts:

- ***The Stranger* (by Albert Camus—fiction)**
Caught in the grip of forces he does not understand, a quiet, ordinary clerk in Algiers commits a murder.

- ***Look Me In the Eye: My Life With Asperger's* (by John Elder Robison—personal memoir)**
The author describes life growing up different in an odd family, his unusual talents, his struggle to live a "normal" life, his diagnosis at the age of forty with Asperger's syndrome, and the dramatic changes that have occurred since that diagnosis.

It is recommended that you give yourselves enough time to read carefully and thoughtfully. While reading, you are encouraged to take notes and use post-its. For the first week of school students **must also complete at least ONE graphic organizer** (see the HS English Summer Reading webpage for links to graphic organizers). The website also includes reading questions that you can think about while reading.