

**ENGLISH I**  
**SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT**  
**CHARACTER ANALYSIS**

Directions: Choose one of the following books and assignments to complete over the course of the summer. This assignment is NOT optional: all students must complete this assignment. The Summer Assignment is due on the second day of school. This assignment will be worth 100 points on the Summative (test) side of the grading scale in my class. I will take 10% off each day the assignment is late the first week. After the first week, the assignment is worth only 50% of its original points (50pts.).

**BOOKS: (CHOOSE ONE)**

1. **The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, by Mark Twain**
  
2. **The Grapes of Wrath, by John Steinbeck**
  
3. **A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith**
  
4. **Papertowns, by John Green**

**ASSIGNMENTS: (CHOOSE ONE)**

1. Write a speech which would be spoken by this character. Memorize this and perform it in front of the class. In addition, write a one-page, MLA formatted paper explaining why this speech, soliloquy, or monologue is demonstrative of the character's personality.
  
2. Design and draw at least two costumes for the character to wear in a dramatization of the novel. You will be presenting these drawings to the class. In addition, write a one-page, MLA formatted paper explaining why these costumes demonstrate his/her character.
  
3. Create at least 3 props the character would use in a dramatization of the novel. You will be presenting these to the class. In addition, write a one-page, MLA formatted paper explaining why these props demonstrate his/her character.
  
4. Write a poem, song, rap, or short story as if the character from the novel is the author. In addition, write a one-page, MLA formatted paper explaining how your piece demonstrates the character from the novel.
  
5. Create a drawing, painting, sculpture, etc. of the character. Include at least 5 symbols in the art work. You will be presenting this to the class. In addition, write a one-page, MLA formatted paper explaining your costume choices.
  
6. Create a PowerPoint presentation of at least 10 slides concerning a mock "biography" for the character. You must include at least 4 visual aids and at a Works Cited slide.