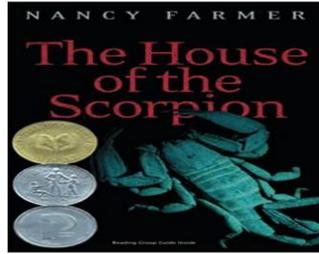


Rising Ninth Grade Honors Literature

Chattahoochee High School Summer Reading 2022



Please read the following texts prior to the first day of school:

***The House of the Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer**

This science fiction young adult novel set in the future mostly takes place in Opium, a country which separates Aztlán (formerly Mexico) and the United States. The main character Matteo, or Matt, Alacrán, is a young clone of a drug lord of the same name, usually called "El Patrón." It is a story about the struggle to survive as a free individual and the search for a personal identity.

<https://www.amazon.com/House-Scorpion-Nancy-Farmer/dp/0689852231>

As you read, please take notes about the **setting, plot, characters, themes, and significant quotations** of the novel. This can be done in a composition book, on notebook paper, or in the novels themselves. Your notes will help you prepare and review for your assessment. However, **none of the superfluous pages may be used for the writing assignment, but you will be allowed to use the novel itself.**

Summer Reading Assessment

During the first week of school, you will be expected to complete a multiple-choice and essay component assessment covering several areas of the text – setting, plot, characters, important concepts, and themes. This assessment will help us evaluate your reading comprehension skills, analysis skills, and writing skills, which will be critical to your success in this challenging course. We will discuss how to write an in-class essay during your first week of school, and we will spend some initial class time on activities related to the texts, but we will discuss neither text in depth prior to the assessment. For now, keep the assessment in mind as you take notes so that your notes will be useful for review.

If you have questions about the summer reading assignment, please email either of the following teachers:

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