

Required Summer Reading Assignments

Honors English 10

Cold Sassy Tree by Olive Ann Burns
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

The summer reading written assignments will be due on the first day of school. You will have two different responses as explained below. Each response should be typed using 12 point Times New Roman font. This is a major grade; therefore, follow rules of grammar, usage, and punctuation.

- Olive Ann Burns wrote *Cold Sassy Tree* based on the life of her grandfather. After reading the novel, you will follow Olive Ann Burns' example by writing a short non-fiction narrative (3 to 5 typed, double-spaced pages) about an incident in the past as told to you by a member of your family (or a close friend); this person must be part of a generation prior to yours. You should begin by noting who relayed the story to you. This must be an incident you did not personally experience. The narrative should hold some type of significance by expressing a lesson learned or a change in perspective that resulted due to the event shared.

For *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, you should choose **one** of the following:

- Write a poem (of 14 or more lines) containing three or more different literary elements such as alliteration, personification, imagery, simile, metaphor, onomatopoeia, etc. In an area separate from the poem, list each literary element used and a line number as a reference. This will be graded on content, relation to the novel, inclusion of literary elements, following directions, etc. The poem should be typed and the lines numbered.
- Write five journal/diary entries of at least one page (typed double-spaced), each one describing an event in the novel and your personal response to it. You should begin each entry by quoting two or three sentences you consider important to the novel and then include in your entry a response to the following questions: How does the event/passage make you feel? What is its connection to you, to other literature, and to the world? Why is it significant to you and to the novel? Remember to write your personal response, not the response of a character. Each entry should be typed.