

**English IV AP Literature and Composition**  
**Mr. Forrest**  
**Summer Reading Assignment 2011**

**Choose one work from each category.**

***The Story***

Dickens- Great Expectations

Bronte- Wuthering Heights

Austen- Mansfield Park or Pride and Prejudice

***The Self***

Hesse- Siddhartha

Camus- The Stranger

Ellison- Invisible Man

Faulkner- As I Lay Dying

***The Political***

Huxley- Brave New World

Atwood- Edible Woman

Roth - American Pastoral

***The Stage***

Chekhov- The Cherry Orchard

O'Neill- A Long Day's Journey Into Night

Albee- Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?

Ibsen- Enemy of the People

**"To Look at Any Thing"**

John Moffitt

To look at any thing,  
If you would know that thing,  
You must look at it long:  
To look at this green and say,  
'I have seen spring in these  
Woods,' will not do- you must  
Be the thing you see:  
You must be the dark snakes of  
Stems and ferny plumes of leaves,  
You must enter in  
To the small silences between  
The leaves,  
You must take your time  
And touch the very peace  
They issue from.

**Assignment: Reading Journals**

As you read, please keep a reading journal recording pages read, date, etc. The purpose of this journal is for you to become more reflective about what you are reading. I'm curious to see what emerges from the text as these seeds are what you might want to write about upon your return to school. Perhaps there are certain questions that you begin to ask. Write them down, ponder, and explore. Maybe a certain quotation stuck out to you. Why? What does this quotation have to say about the work as a whole?

I will be collecting the journals on the first day of school. They will be worth 150 points. You may hand write them if you would like, or keep them as a Word document. The choice is yours. In the past, many students commented about the value of this journal, hoping to continue this type of note taking in the future.

Additionally, you will have two essays on your summer reading in September. One will be an in-class, timed essay. The other will be a take home essay worth more points.

Allow the poem above to be your guide.

Questions? [forrest@rbrhs.org](mailto:forrest@rbrhs.org)

If there is a work of literary merit that you believe fits one of the categories above, please speak with me about a possible replacement.

**English IV AP Literature and Composition**  
**Mr. Forrest**  
**Summer Reading Assignment 2011**