



# CARL SANDBURG HIGH SCHOOL

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## Sophomore Honors English: Summer Reading 2017-2018 Carl Sandburg High School

*To: Incoming Sophomore Honors Students and Parents*

Welcome to Sophomore Honors English! This advanced-level class requires you to read extensively both inside and outside of the classroom and then be able to write about the complex themes, ideas, and connections that you encounter. In order to prepare you for class next year, we are presenting you with a summer reading assignment. Please complete the following reading assignment by Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the second day of school for all students. This reading will be assessed during the first week of the school year as well as referenced during the course of the semester.

**READING:** For your summer reading, please read the novel *1984* by George Orwell. Then, find **TWO** current events news article or recent editorials (from 2017) that relate to the themes and main ideas of the novel. See below for more information about what constitutes an article or editorial.

Then, **read and annotate the book and the two articles that you select.** Remember that annotation consists of more than simply underlining or highlighting; thoroughly mark the text and make marginal notes as you read. For instance, when you annotate, you may ask questions, summarize main ideas, note literary elements, record emotional reactions, mark parts that seem significant, and make connections to other texts or real-world knowledge. Annotate in a way that enhances your personal understanding of the book and the articles.

**ASSIGNMENT:** A news article is an objective account of facts or a situation; an editorial or opinion piece is usually labeled as such and reflects the writer's opinion or personal perspective on a situation. It is important that you understand if the piece is an objective news story or an editorial. The news story or editorial must come from a reputable news source, such as a major newspaper (e.g., *The Chicago Tribune*, *The Chicago Sun-Times*, *The New York Times*) or major news magazine (either in print or online) such as *Time*, *Atlantic Weekly*, *The Week*, or *Newsweek*.

Keep in mind that the articles will not necessarily be ABOUT the work itself, but rather it should be related in regards to major ideas and themes. Once you have your news articles or editorials, please do the following:

→ **Write a typed response that consists of three paragraphs.** The first paragraph will explain a major theme of the novel *1984*. The second paragraph will explain how your first chosen article connects to the book's themes. The third paragraph will explain how your second chosen articles connects to the book's themes.

→ **Please bring the novel, the articles, and the typed response with you to class on Friday, August 18th.**

If you should have any questions or concerns regarding the reading selections or the project, please do not hesitate to contact one of us via email. We wish you a pleasant and productive summer, and we look forward to meeting you and learning with you next year! Thank you!

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Sincerely,  
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