

Dear 10th Grade Honors English students,

This promises to be an exciting year with a stimulating and rigorous reading list. Although it's important to recharge your batteries over the summer, and explore other kinds of work, like jobs and internships, studies have shown that summer reading dramatically maintains and improves text skills.

I have assigned you Simon Armitage's *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* ISBN-13: 978-0393334159 and *Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland* ISBN-13: 978-0553213454. You are NOT required to read *Through the Looking Glass*.

Please bring your annotated text on the first day of class, and be prepared to have a thoughtful discussion. We will be having a reading check quiz on our second meeting followed by a writing assignment.

Please use the following method to annotate:

1. Highlight key words, phrases, or sentences. Write what you find significant in the margins. Highlighting without notes will only help you identify the locations of a passage, but will not help you make meaning.
2. Write questions, comments, or connections in the margins.
3. Summarize events every few pages.
4. Draw a square around unknown words
5. Circle words that you find powerful, imaginative, challenging, or emotional.
6. Underline major themes/ author's purpose

These will be your first major grades of the year, so please take this seriously.

Thank you and enjoy!

Ms. Stern