

ENGLISH 11 SUMMER READING 2025-2026

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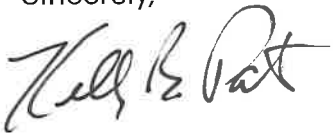
Dear English 11 Student,

This summer you will be reading the very short novel titled *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway in preparation for class beginning in August. You should purchase your own copy of the book (non-abridged), read it closely, annotate all allusions, and note how characters develop and/or change. Your annotations will be graded, so either mark in your book OR annotate using sticky notes to provide evidence of your reading and thinking about the novel. You should also be prepared to do the following during the first two weeks: taking an objective multiple-choice test on this book within the first week back; reviewing the elements of an essay; writing an in-class essay; and participating in a Socratic Seminar.

Reading Luke's Gospel account of the crucifixion of Christ in Luke 23 before you read the novel will also be helpful as the novel can function as a Christian allegory, which means characters, events, and objects can represent abstract religious or spiritual ideas. Reading this as an allegory allows you to move beneath the surface level of the story to find symbolic interpretations and hidden meanings and helps you learn to see biblical allusions.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,



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