

# **11<sup>th</sup> going into 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

## **Summer Reading 2010 English**

The assignment will be to read the novel and type a two page, double spaced report about the book. The report should be in 12 point, Times New Roman font and focus on the characters, plot, setting, and theme. You can choose from any of the following books.

By reading during summer vacation, students keep their minds sharp during the two and a half months away from the classroom. Students should also read Accelerated Reader books, so they will be ready to take tests over them when they return in August. AR books can be found at the public library or at any book store.

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#### ***The Catcher in the Rye* - J.D Salinger**

Teenager Holden Caulfield's turbulent last few days before his Christmas vacation. During these days, Holden leaves Pencey Prep, a boys' school he's been kicked out of, and takes off for a few nights alone in New York City. Holden tells the story as a monologue, from some sort of a mental facility where he's recovering from the stress of the experiences he retells.

Or

#### ***Cry, The Beloved Country* - Alan Paton**

Set in 1940s, the story follows Rev. Stephen Kumalo who receives a letter that requests that he go to Johannesburg, South Africa to rescue his sister who is very ill. In order to undertake the journey, Kumalo must use the money intended to be used for his son's education. While in Johannesburg Kumalo follows an elusive track to find his son, confronted everywhere with hardships and racial injustice.