

HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Honors English Student:

Students who develop a love of reading are better prepared to become lifelong learners; thus, we encourage our students to continue to read during the summer. Our philosophy is that summer reading should be both pleasurable and thought provoking. Reading is the single most important factor attributed to school achievement and success. It not only prepares students for the higher standards and rigor of honors courses, but also provides a literary background for those who choose to pursue a post-secondary education.

All students who are enrolled in **any level honors class, AP Language and Composition, or English Composition/Modern Literature**, are expected to complete summer reading. The reading selected for this year is

**Purple Hibiscus by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie**

Since the novel is set in Nigeria, this website that gives background on Igbo language and culture might support your comprehension of the book:

[http://womenslitandhistory.blogspot.com/2016/06/the-igbo-language-and-culture\\_20.html](http://womenslitandhistory.blogspot.com/2016/06/the-igbo-language-and-culture_20.html) .

In order to assist you in understanding and remembering your summer reading, please **complete the enclosed Significant Events sheet over this book, and bring it with you on your first day of school.** You need to include the 10 most important events from the novel in the order that they happen. Choose a quotation that supports that event and explain the significance of the event and the quotation. Include page numbers with your quotations.

We ask that during the summer break you read the book and complete the enclosed assignment, because **you will be asked to write an essay in class over the novel during the first week of school.**

We are looking forward to working with you this coming school year.

Sincerely,

WHHS English Department