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**English III AP Course Expectations and
Summer Reading Contract**

Mesquite High School

The purpose of the MISD AP English III course and the summer reading program is to provide a foundation of literary experience that will enable the student to be successful on the Advanced Placement exams and in college literature and composition courses.

I understand that successful performance in AP classes requires commitment to more independent study than is required of regular classes. In fact, most, if not all, of the reading will be assigned outside of class, and it is the expectation that these works be completed by the due date assigned by the teacher in order to be prepared for any discussion or further assignments (i.e. group projects, essays) that will be assigned to increase my understanding of the works.

I agree to read *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck, view *The Last of the Mohicans* (1992, directed by Michael Mann), and to complete the written assignments for the Mesquite High School English III AP summer reading program. I understand that failure to complete and turn these assignments in on the first day of class will have a negative impact on my grade for the first six weeks.

After reviewing this information, if I decide not to accept the challenge of an Advanced Placement class, I may drop it by June 16, 2011 because I will not be allowed to do so after this date. My parent may do this by calling the registrar, Ms. Jackson, who will be more than happy to make any necessary changes in my English class before the **June 16th** deadline. Ms. Jackson's direct office number is 972-882-7870, and her email is RJackson2@mesquiteisd.org.

Please sign below and return this contract to Ms. Butaineh in A-14 by Thursday, May 19, 2011.

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

**Reading List for
AP English III**

I encourage you to purchase your own copy of these works for the sake of convenience (reading ahead, marking passages, and writing notes in the text). Don't wait until the week before we use them because the stores will be out. These novels can be found at most any bookstore.

Grapes of Wrath
The Scarlet Letter
The Crucible
The Great Gatsby
King Lear

Literature Circle – self-selected reading of one of the following plays:

A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry
The Glass Menagerie by Tennessee Williams
Our Town by Thornton Wilder
Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller

One detective fiction based on a specific decade – to be determined later.

I hope you enjoy your summer. Please, contact me if you have any questions or concerns.