

1. *Siddhartha*, by Herman Hesse (Bantam Edition), a short but absorbing novel about a young man's search for self-knowledge
2. *The Woman Warrior*, by Maxine Hong Kingston (Vintage Edition), an intense story of a young woman who wrestles with her Chinese identity and values in the context of America

Since the first two weeks of the course will be devoted to a comparative study of *Siddhartha* and *The Woman Warrior*, it is important that you read both works carefully.

DUE ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS are **dialectical notes: two columns, with thought –provoking quotations in one column (cited by chapter and page number) and your commentary on each quotation in the other column.**

You should address 12 or so quotations from **each** work. **Record observations on characters, theme, symbolism, imagery, parallels and contrasts with other works, as well as personal reflections.**

LOGS MUST BE TYPED. Estimated length: 5 – 6 pages Logs will be collected and graded.

For purposes of reference during discussion, it is important that we all use the same book editions. Copies can be borrowed from me (Ms. Greco) in D25.

There will be a comparative essay on these works following class study/discussion.

Vocabulary Study

Getting started on vocabulary study this summer will enhance your reading comprehension. You are required to learn the definitions of the attached list of words. Many of the words come from Charles Dickens' *A Tale of Two Cities* which we will read first semester. **There will be a vocabulary assessment the first week of school.**

A suggested text for vocabulary study is:

Brownstein, Samuel, Mitchel Weiner, and Sharon Weiner Green. *Basic Word List*. Hauppauge, NY: Barron's, recent edition. Copies are available for sign-out in D25.

Honors English 12 Summer Vocabulary

You may find it helpful to divide the words into groups of five, learning the definition of one group per week which should be painless!

incredulity
tremulous
inscrutable
prevaricate
implacable

retinue
expeditious
pecuniary
modicum
incumbent

capitulate
inexorable
supplicate
gaunt
vindictive

resonant
eminent
tacit
convivial
debauchery

admonish
sagacious
trepidation
obsequious
congenial

incorrigible
expiate
deprecate
mitigate
feign

Have a great summer; I look forward to seeing you in the fall, well-rested and well read!