

**To: Incoming English 12 Students**  
**From: The English Department**  
**Re: Summer Reading Assignment**  
**Date: June 2016**



Every student enrolled in Themes in World Literature is required to have completed **TWO TEXTS** by the first day of class in September. During the first week of school, students will be assessed on their readings. These assessments will count as English grades for the first marking period.

About the texts:

- ***The Stranger* (Camus—fiction)**  
Caught in the grip of forces he does not understand, a quiet, ordinary clerk in Algiers commits a murder.
  
- ***Of Beetles and Angels* (Asgedom—personal memoir)**  
An autobiography of a boy who, at the age of three, fled civil war in Ethiopia by walking with his mother and brother to a Sudanese refugee camp, and later moved to Chicago and earned a scholarship to Harvard University.

It is recommended that students give themselves enough time to read carefully and thoughtfully. While reading, students are encouraged to take notes and use post-its. For the first week of school students **must also complete at least ONE graphic organizer** (see the HS English Summer Reading webpage for links to graphic organizers). The website also includes reading questions that students can think about while reading.