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Dear Incoming English 10 Students and Parents:

Reading is a valuable and pleasurable habit. Much of our class time together next year will be spent reading and responding to what we read. You are required to read **two** books: a free choice book and a required non-fiction selection.

Required Book #1: As an incoming tenth grader, you should select a fiction novel of your choice and read it over the summer. When selecting this novel, make sure that it is one of the following genres: Social Issues, Adventure, Fantasy, Historical Fiction, Humor, Mystery, Romance, or Science Fiction. The South Colonie High School library is organized according to these genres and will be open mornings from July 5th to August 13th: 7:30 – 12:30. Please make sure you select a novel you've never read before and is not part of the 10th grade curriculum (*see list at the bottom of the page). You will be expected to write an essay on this novel making text-to-text, text-to-world, and text-to-self connections. Please take notes while reading using the attached graphic organizer. You may use your graphic organizers as a reference during the summer reading assessment.

Required Book #2: The non-fiction selection **Ultramarathon Man** by Dean Karnazes is also assigned for summer reading. You will be expected to take a fifty multiple choice question test on this assigned book during class. Please take notes while reading using the attached graphic organizer. You may use your graphic organizers as a reference during the summer reading assessment.

Enjoy the summer! We look forward to meeting with you in September.

Sincerely,

The English Department

***DO NOT CHOOSE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING TITLES:**

This Boy's Life, by Tobias Wolff

A Raisin in the Sun, by Lorraine Hansberry

The Great Gatsby, by F. Scott Fitzgerald

The Catcher in the Rye, by J.D. Salinger

The Crucible, by Arthur Miller

Ellen Foster, by Kaye Gibbons

The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien

Of Mice and Men, by John Steinbeck

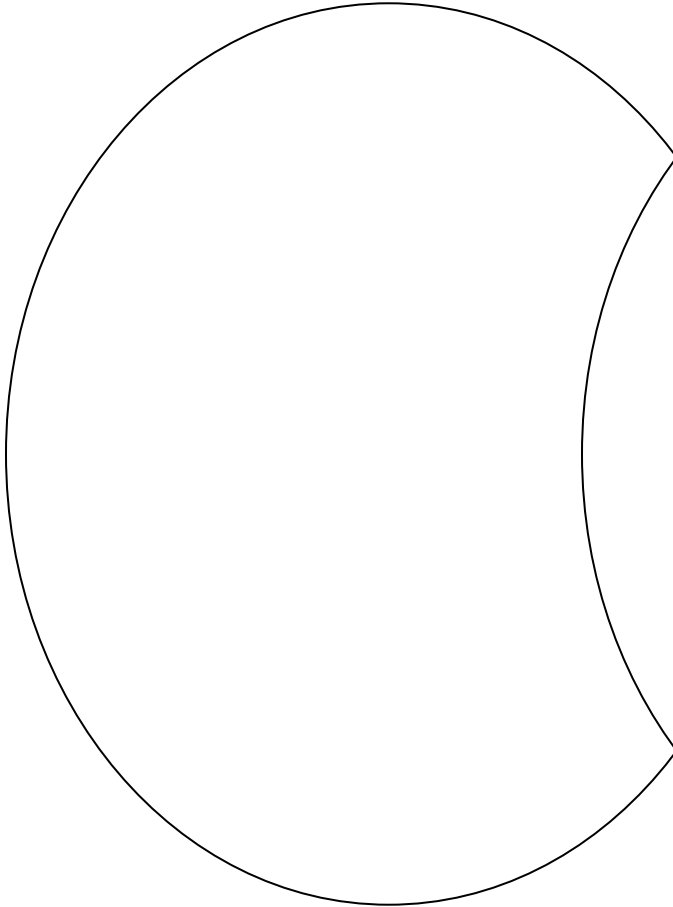
Friday Night Lights, by H.G. Bissinger

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Graphic Organizer for 10th Grade Summer Reading: Free Choice Book

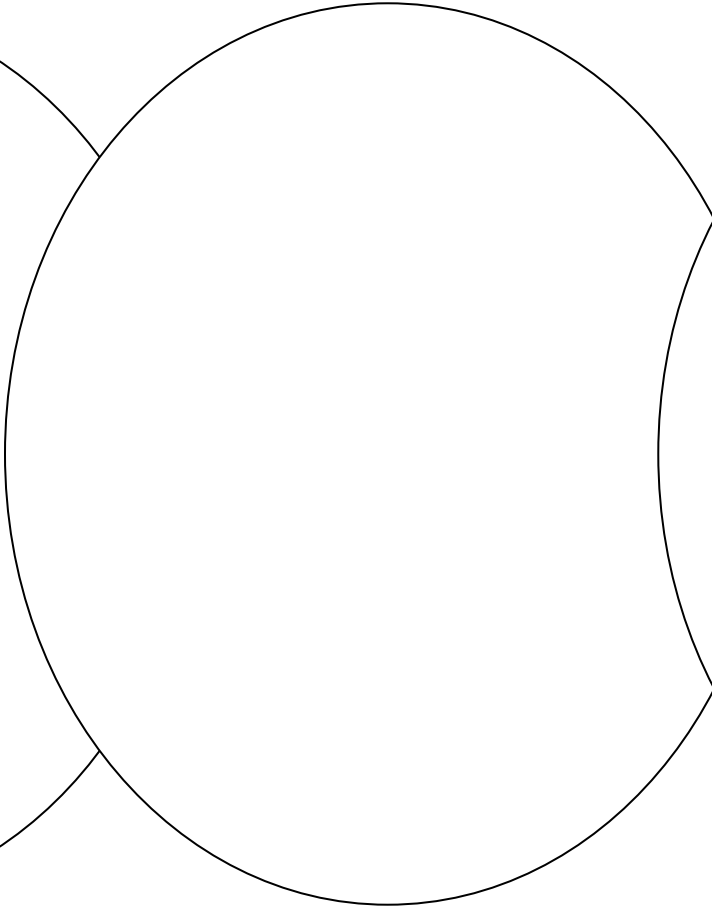
TEXT-TO-TEXT

*connections between your book
and other books you've read*



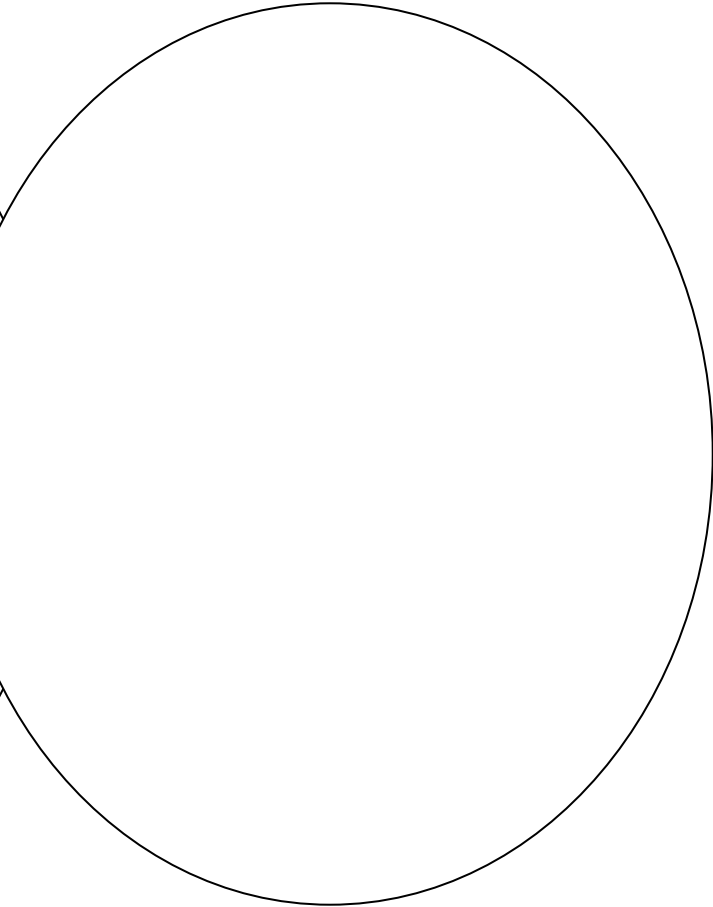
TEXT-TO-SELF

*connections between your book
and your own life*



TEXT-TO-WORLD

*connections between your book and what
is happening now in popular culture*



Name _____

English 10 Graphic Organizer for Ultramarathon Man

Use the following active reading template for each chapter of the book:

Chapter Number: _____

Create your own new Title for this chapter: _____

Quick Chapter Summary

A large, empty rounded rectangular box with a black border, intended for writing a quick chapter summary.

List any new facts you learned about the author

A large, empty oval-shaped box with a black border, intended for listing new facts learned about the author.

Make predictions as to what might happen to the author

A large, empty oval-shaped box with a black border, intended for making predictions about what might happen to the author.