**FHMS 8th Grade Pre-AP Communication Arts**

*2013 Summer Assignment*

The following assignment must be completed by the first day of the school year, and it will be worth 30 points on your 1st quarter grade. It is important to note that this will be your first opportunity to show your CA teacher the seriousness with which you plan to approach this class.

If you have any questions over the summer, feel free to e-mail Mrs. Feldmann—patrice.feldmann@fhsdschools.org.

1. Poetry reading (*The Village Blacksmith*) **and** analysis of figurative language (10 points)
2. Non-fiction reading (*How the Complete Meaning of Fourth of July is Slipping Away*) **and** note taking (10 points)
3. Fiction reading and analysis: Read **one** of the Truman or Gateway nominated books **and** complete a written analysis which includes the following information supporting by specific details from the text including two quotes. (10 points) :
	1. Title, author, genre (type of literature), and brief summary (Summary should be no more than 25 words.)
	2. An explanation of how the theme is illustrated through the characters and plot
	3. An explanation of the mood or tone and how it is illustrated throughout the book
	4. An explanation of the point of view and the significance of this choice by the author
	5. An explanation of a character’s motivation or problem solving