

## Summer Reading Assignment Honors/AP English

The following books will be read over the summer by members of the AP and honors English classes:

- AP English 12 – *The House of the Spirits* by Isabelle Allende
- Honors English 11 – *1984* by George Orwell
- Honors English 10 *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- Honors English 9 - *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles

Students are expected to take notes as they read the book. These notes will be used to complete an in-class writing assignment on the first full day of school. Students will be allowed to reference only handwritten notes; no typed or copied notes will be allowed during the period.

While the notes will not be graded, the students should be looking for the same elements that are used in honors journals. The notes can be written in the novel itself, or on a separate sheet of paper if the book is on loan from the library. These elements include:

- Accurate tracking of the plot and character development as the novel unfolds.
- Selected quotes that demonstrate important plot shifts, character traits, thematic development, author's tone and point of view throughout the novel.
- The author's use of literary devices and the reader's opinion as to the purpose for their use in the novel.
- Historical, political, economic, social, and/or religious implications reflected throughout the novel.
- Questions/observations that the reader has about plot, character development, literary devices, author's tone and point of view.