

Triton Freshman Honors English Summer Assignment

Hello, I'm Mrs. DeCosta! Congratulations on your acceptance into the Freshman Honors English Program for the 2009-2010 school year! Be proud to be part of this challenging, unique learning environment for highly talented, diligent students. This class works through thematic units, and our 1st one is entitled "Growing Up." To prepare for this topic, you will be completing a summer assignment. Here are the particulars:

1. Obtain a copy of Betty Smith's *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*. You can purchase your own or sign out a copy from triton's main office after June 23rd.
2. Read the book—not a web site, not a movie—in its entirety. Take notes on such things as plot, characters, theme, conflicts, etc. while reading. These notes will come in very handy come September; you will be taking a test on the novel within the 1st two weeks of school.
3. You will also be watching a movie. Choose a movie from the list below; all of the movies relate to our 1st theme. You may watch the movie with a partner or group if you wish. Take notes on such things as plot, characters, theme, conflicts, film techniques, etc. while watching. In addition to group discussions about the movies, you will also be writing an essay about your film.

Pick 1

Stand By Me

Big

13 Going on 30

16 Candles

The Sandlot

Dirty Dancing

The Goonies

Dead Poet's Society

Home Alone

Freaky Friday

Lion King

Any questions—email me at sdecosta@bhprsd.org or call 856-939-4500. Have a wonderful summer, and I look forward to seeing all of you in the fall!