

English 2H

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Summer Reading: The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck

Your assignment is to read this classic novel written by one of America's greatest authors. Additionally, you should create a reliable set of notes detailing the characters, settings, and main plot points. These notes will serve as preparation for the written evaluation given when you come to class in September.

The narrative describes the sojourn of the Joad family as they make their way to California and the promise of a new and better life away from the hardships of the Depression-era Dust Bowl. John Steinbeck is known for his sympathetic view toward the underclass of American society and expressed these attitudes in such works as The Pearl, Of Mice and Men, and The Grapes of Wrath.

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A Brief Course Overview:

This program is designed to train and challenge talented students who have a sincere interest in English and the work habits to succeed in an intellectually stimulating environment. An intensive study of American Literature serves as the keystone of the course with careful examination of some of the major novels, short stories, and poems of the genre.

Additionally, SAT-style vocabulary study, training in the research process, and development of grammar and writing skills round out the course of study.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at my school e-mail address: [svanhorn@bhprsd.org](mailto:svanhorn@bhprsd.org).

Now, go have a great summer and KEEP READING!

