

June 16, 2010

Greetings Students of the class of 2011,

Welcome to your senior year at Rice High School. You are receiving this communication because you will be a member of the English honors class upon your return in September.

The information contained herein details the work that is required of you this summer in order to begin the coming school year successfully.

The book that you are required to read over the summer is: White Teeth by Zadie Smith.

This book is available at Barnes & Noble (in stores or on line), Amazon.com, and a variety of bookstores everywhere.

When you return in September you will be required to submit a three (3) page analysis paper responding to the following prompts:

- 1) MEANING – What, in your estimation, is this writer communicating in this novel? Please do NOT offer a synopsis. Acceptable responses will include consideration of the use of metaphor and other symbolic tools.
- 2) AGREEMENT/DISAGREEMENT – What is your opinion in regard to the statement(s) that is/are being made in this novel?
- 3) REASON – What is your specifically referenced and cited explanation for your above stated position? Examples from the novel must be included.

The paper must be submitted in the MLA format. Examples of this format can be found at: <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource>.

Please be present on the first day of classes with your assignment rather than excuses. The former will be accepted while the latter will not.

Thank you in advance for your diligence and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Anthony Ashe
Senior English Honors Teacher