

**Honors English 10**  
**2023-2024**



**Summer Reading**



Welcome to Honors English 10!

Much of this course focuses on becoming critical readers who are sophisticated writers. To start our journey, let's begin to analyze several pieces of modern poetry by American authors.

Steps:

1. Go to [poets.org](https://www.poets.org).
2. Select one of these poets. Read about the poet and two of their poems.  
Jorie Graham's "Sundown" and "Reading to My Father";  
Philip Levine's "Our Valley" and "A Story";  
Natasha Trethewey's "Theories of Time and Space" and "My Father as Cartographer";  
Billy Collins's "Some Days", "Carbon Dating", and "Forgetfulness";  
Joy Harjo's "Speaking Tree" and "Without";  
Rita Dove's "Family Reunion" and "Vacation";  
Yusef Komunyakaa's "Nighthawks" and "Daytime Begins with a Line by Anna Akhmatova"; or  
Lucille Clifton's "Sunday Morning 9/16/01", "My Mama moved among the days", and "the earth is a living thing".
3. Print out the two poems that you would like to share with the class.
4. Annotate the poems that you selected. Consider the speaker, the tone, and figurative language.
5. Bring the annotated poems to class on Friday, September 8, 2023.

There is nothing to submit before the start of the school year; however, you will have an in-class writing assignment based on one of the poems that you selected sometime during the first full week of school.

I look forward to meeting you. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Ms. Piatt