

English 11 - International Baccalaureate 1 Summer Assignment
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Your assignment for the summer is to check out from the library (or better yet purchase) Fyodor Dostoevsky's *Crime and Punishment*. This is an extremely complex and difficult piece of Russian literature, so it would behoove you to not wait until the last minute to start on it. Though the novel is summarized on several web sites, I would suggest you only use these to supplement the reading, not replace it, as the test given upon return to school is not simply a retelling of events and characters. .

IB 1 focuses on criticism of literature. We will be reading seven required International Baccalaureate works and various other pieces of American literature such as *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *The Great Gatsby*, and selections from *Walden*. A primary purpose of the course will be to prepare you for the International Baccalaureate Higher Level Language A1 Examination to be taken at the end of the second year of the course. To that end, first year students are required to write two externally moderated essays and to give a 15 minute individual oral presentation on the IB works assigned. Another principal course component will be to ready you for the college application process. We will be researching schools and continuing SAT and ACT test preparation. Overall focus of the course will be on giving you the language arts skills necessary to further your success in high school.

Aside from this, I hope you have a great summer and genuinely look forward to seeing you again in August.

Sincerely,

Matt Skeahan