

**Academy of Allied Health & Science**  
**Summer 2011 Reading and Related Assignments**

**For grades 9**

Read *Choosing Civility: The Twenty-five Rules of Considerate Conduct*  
by P.M. Forni

**English / World Literature Summer Reading**  
**Summer Writing**

**Read:** *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck

**Write:** Complete the assignment below for the first day of school:

\*Your assignment is to compose a friendly letter. You are to compose a letter from George to Slim.

The first paragraph should be a description of your relationship with Lennie. Be specific and make your feelings known. Write with words that emote.

Your second paragraph should be you (George) explaining to Slim why you (George) shot Lennie. You may want to justify or defend your actions; you may want forgiveness.

Your final paragraph should be a continuation of your life. Be specific with details. Where are you going? What will you do? Will you be travelling alone? Will you continue to pursue your dream, or did your dream die with Lennie?

Objective: Compose a friendly letter from George's point of view.

Format: Friendly letter

Length: Three paragraphs

Audience: Slim

Miss Koffler

P.S. Should you have any questions:

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Graded on : Depth of content

Ability to characterize George through letter writing

## **2011 Summer Reading 9<sup>th</sup> grade Biology:**

### **The Hot Zone**

By Richard Preston

Paperback ISBN: 0-385-47956-5

Read a description: <http://www.richardpreston.net/books/hz.html>

Be prepared to take a test the first week of school covering your summer reading assignment. You will not be permitted to access the book and notes during the test. Keep this in mind when scheduling your reading time over the summer. You may want to consider reading the book closer to the end of August. It is a great book. Many of our students remember it long past freshmen year. Hope you enjoy it too!!