

## **Ninth Grade Required Summer Reading and Project**

Read John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" and create a Character Diary. You are to become one of the key characters in the novel and keep a diary from this character's point of view. Write a minimum of 10 diary entries that reflect the personality of the character and his/her role in the events of the novel. Entries should express the character's feelings and thoughts, and should consider the novel's setting. Your project will be due Thursday, August 21, 2008.

### **Other Suggested Readings:**

"Tuesdays with Morrie" by Mitch Albom  
"The Bluest Eye" by Toni Morrison  
"Catcher in the Rye" by J.D. Salinger

### **Suggested Summer Reading List for Students in Grades 10-12:**

"Narrative of the Life of Frederick" Douglass Blight, editor  
"The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown  
"Angels and Demons" by Dan Brown