

## **Optional Sophomore Summer Reading Assignments**

**Please choose one of the following books.**

<b>The Kite Runner</b>	<b>Khaled Hosseini</b>
<b>Three Cups of Tea</b>	<b>Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin</b>
<b>Angela's Ashes</b>	<b>Frank McCort</b>
<b>Beyond the Chocolate War</b>	<b>Robert Cormier</b>
<b>Raven's Gate</b>	<b>Anthony Horowitz</b>

To receive extra credit, read one of the books and write a response paper that is due on **Thursday, September 3, 2009**. **All students**, including those students who do not have English until second semester, must deliver their response papers to their English teachers. Your names will be checked off. **No papers will be accepted after this date.** Papers will be graded on a pass or fail basis. Quality work on this assignment could merit up to 3 points on your first or third quarter grade.

**Directions for writing a response paper – two to three typed, double-spaced pages:**

1. Find a passage in the reading that made a deep impression on you. It should be no longer than one paragraph.
2. Write out the entire passage copying it correctly. Use quotation marks to acknowledge that these words are not your own.
3. Explain where the passage is located in the text. Give the page number and, more importantly, the context of the passage. Explain what is happening at this point in the reading.
4. Relate this passage to the rest of the reading. Reflect upon what might be the important implications or special insights the excerpt provides. It may also be helpful to consider how the story would be different if this passage had not been included.
5. Write your reaction to the passage and explain why it has special meaning for you. Make a personal connection to the passage based on your own experience. Write honestly about your reaction and explain it fully.