

John W. North High School
RECOMMENDED Summer Reading
for
Honors American Literature

***Cyrano de Bergerac* by Edmond Rostand**
&
***Their Eyes were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston**

Honors American teachers will test both works at the beginning of the 3rd/third week of school. Students who chose not to read over the summer will have two weeks, including two weekends, to complete the reading. These first few weeks of the new semester will, of course, be a time of adjusting to new expectations and work loads and strengthening time management and organization skills, so it is highly recommended that students complete the reading in the summer at their own pace. *Their Eyes were Watching God* is not a fast read as it is written in dialect which will be unfamiliar to most students.

Some copies of the text are available from North's library for summer checkout to registered students. Teachers do recommend that, if at all possible, students purchase both *Cyrano de Bergerac* and *Eyes*, so that they can freely annotate them and use the margins for commentary and reflective questions. This is NOT required, however.

These books are both available at local booksellers, used book stores, and public libraries. Please contact Christine Lorenzi, English Department Chair, at 788-7311, ext. 63053, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the books..

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