August 21, 2015

Hello, Panthers and Panther Parents!

The OHS English Department is currently selling novels students will be required to read over the course of this academic year. Although school copies of most novels are available for checkout, students are *strongly* encouraged to purchase their own copies of the books so they are able to directly annotate.

Annotating is a skill that is taught in each of the English classes. Annotating a novel or text means that students record thoughts, reactions or questions as they read. Annotating allows students to engage and interact with the text and aides in increasing reading comprehension and critical analysis skills. Whether students purchase a novel or not, they are required to annotate. If the students choose not to purchase their own novel, they will annotate by writing down pages numbers and passages in a notebook with their thoughts or by using sticky notes in a borrowed text. Obviously, annotating is much more effective for students when they are able to write directly in their own books.

We are currently taking book orders for these class novels. Please fill out the form below and have your student return it to his/her English teacher by **Friday, August 28th**. The English teachers will submit all book orders, and then books will be distributed to students in the following weeks.

Books can be paid for with **cash** or **check**. Checks may be made **payable to ABC Fairs**. If you have any questions about the book sale, please contact Carol Johnson at 630-636-2161 (cjohnson@sd308.org) or Amy Howerton at 630-636-2088. The ISBN numbers have been provided in case you would like to order from Amazon on your own.

Sincerely,

Carol Johnson, English teacher

Amy Howerton, English Department Chair

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Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Carol Johnson\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Course: \_\_EIIH\_\_\_

Place a check in the box in front of the books you are purchasing:

Title: Cost:

□Hamlet- ISBN 9780743477123 $5.99

□Sir Gawain & the Green Knight ISBN 9780451531193 $6.95

□The Canterbury Tales ISBN 9780140424386 $11.00

□Things Fall Apart ISBN 9780385474542 \_\_\_\_\_\_$11.95\_\_

□Heart of Darkness & Secret Sharer ISBN 9780451531032 \_\_\_\_\_\_$4.95\_\_\_

**Total Cost:**