2023 Literary Arts Summer Assignments

**Freshmen prime students -- Introduction to Literary Arts:**
Students admitted to the freshmen literary arts class must read *Zen in the Art of Writing* by Ray Bradbury. They must also write 30 handwritten journal pages (8 x 10 notebook paper) to be turned in the first week. These journal pages can be about anything—not necessarily *Zen in the Art of Writing*.

**Sophomore prime students -- Professional World of Writing and Writing Seminar:**
Students slated for level two coursework must read one collection of poetry, one work of nonfiction (memoir, biography, essays), one work of fiction and one screenplay. They will be expected to write an essay detailing these works on the first day of school.

**Junior prime students -- Literary Forms:**
Students signed up to take Literary Forms need to read the Seamus Heaney translation of *Beowulf*. An essay will be assigned concerning this work in the first week of class.

**Senior Seminar:**
Students slated for the Senior Seminar should complete the first 50 pages of their senior thesis project. Seniors approved for novels must complete a full first draft. Rising seniors are strongly encouraged to write every day and to read/view the material recommended to them in connection to their thesis.

Novelists who do not complete a full draft, and Seniors who do not complete 50 pages (roughly 25,000 words) of their thesis before the first day of school will be ineligible to continue with their thesis idea. An alternative will be provided.