English 10 Honors Required Summer Reading Assignment

1. Read and take notes on *Revolution* by Jennifer Donnelly. We expect you to have a thorough understanding of the novel, its characters, and its themes when you walk into class on the first day. Expect an assessment during the first week of school.

2. Find a news article from current day or from some time in the last five years that discusses a revolution in any part of the world. You may find this article online, but it needs to come from a reputable news source like The New York Times, Newsday, The Washington Post, The London Times, the BBC, etc. Print it out and type a summary (1 paragraph) of the article plus 1-2 paragraphs in which you make connections between the revolution discussed in the article and that described in the novel. Explore both the similarities and differences. Please use an MLA heading at the top of the first page and an MLA header with page number. In addition, please include the article's citation in MLA format at the end of the assignment. Go to the Owl at Purdue (website) for help with this. Proofread your paragraphs.

3. After your response for item #2, type responses to the items below. Proofread your responses.

- A. What is an allusion? Write down the definition. Then identify one example of an allusion from the novel and explain it. Please use complete sentences.
- B. What is diction? Write down the definition. Please use complete sentences.
- C. What is tone? Write down the definition. Please use complete sentences.

4. When you have completed the assignment, sign the Honor Pledge at the bottom of this page and staple this sheet to the front of your assignment and your printed article to the back. Assignments will not be accepted without the signed pledge, and plagiarism will result in a zero on the assignment. Value your reputation; practice academic integrity.

NOTE: Your ninth grade English teacher will sign out a copy of Revolution to you in class. If for some reason you don't get a copy, please see one of us before the end of your 9th grade school year. You may also borrow a copy from the library, read it on your Kindle or other e-reader, or purchase one from Book Revue or another bookseller.

> All work is due the first day of class. This assignment is also posted on the teachers' websites.

Honor Code Pledge: My name signed below verifies that I have completed this assignment on my own and have followed the directions listed above. I have neither given nor received help on the assignment from any source.

Student's Signature: _____