

2011 Summer Reading Assignment for English 10H:

Over the summer, you will be reading two books: one free-choice book and *Zeitoun*, by Dave Eggers. *Zeitoun* is a nonfiction account of a Syrian-American man's experiences in 2005 in New Orleans, LA. The book tells Abdulrahman Zeitoun's story as he copes with Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath, and it also raises questions about America's response to terrorism after September 11, 2001. As you read the book, please take notes on specific details in the book related to the following themes.

These notes will help you not only better understand and remember specifics from the book, but also complete the required summer reading assignment(s) in your English 10H class when you return to school.

As you read, look for and take notes on (Being specific as possible, including page numbers, will be a big help.) these themes:

1. Actions, perceptions and conflicts based on racial and cultural stereotypes
2. Choices based on different motivators like morality, dignity, loyalty, nationalism, etc.
3. American society after September 11, 2001
4. Heroic individuals and whether or not they end up at odds with society