

Summer Reading Assignment

Ninth Grade Honors

Northview High School

Summer 2008

Required Reading:

- *The House of the Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer

Assignment: You must turn in a manila folder containing the following assignment for *The House of the Scorpion*. Put your name on the tab. All assignments are due on the first day of school.

In a well-written, one to two-page, double-spaced, Times New Roman, 12 point essay, write a complete character analysis on one of the main characters from *The House of the Scorpion*. How does this character change throughout the story? What are his/her personality traits? Is (s)he a dynamic or static character? Be sure to include an underlined thesis statement in your introduction paragraph, and include four direct quotations (cited in MLA format) in your body paragraphs that support your thesis. See the Northview High School Media Center webpage for information on MLA citation of direct quotations. ****

Northview High School has a zero tolerance policy for plagiarism. Plagiarism will result in an honor code violation and a zero on the assignment. Be sure you do not copy any information and that you cite your sources if you use outside information to write your essays.

**** This essay must be submitted to www.turnitin.com for homework on the first day of school. Your teacher will give you instructions to create an account with Turnitin. Hard copies will still be turned in to your teacher on the first day of school in a manila folder.