

## **Pre-Course Reading**

English IV Honors/AP, Carty

The pre-course reading for English IV Honors & AP is an informational text called “The Storytelling Animal” by Jonathan Gottschall. It’s a good first-read for the course because it explains how stories, like the ones we study in English class, *make us human*.

You can buy your own copy or sign one out at Sterling (they’ll be available in room 209 while school is in session and in the main office or media center during summer hours). While you’re reading, you should take notes on the central ideas and examples from each chapter. These notes won’t just be useful for reference; the note-taking *process* also helps us think about, understand, and remember the material.

There will be a reading-check assignment on the third day of class (September for first-semester students, January for second-semester students). This will count as your first test grade.