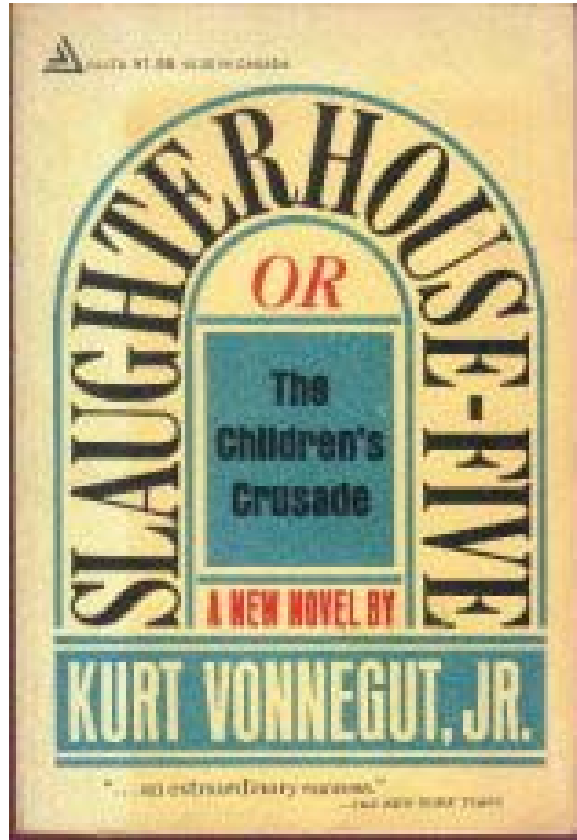


# FALL 2010 HONORS FRESHMAN COLLOQUIUM

Designed to welcome freshmen to the University Honors Program, the Freshman Colloquium is one of the highlights of fall semester. It begins with shared summer reading and ends with a luncheon and small group discussions and activities.



## Shared Summer Reading

This summer we are reading Kurt Vonnegut's absurdist classic *Slaughterhouse Five*. Published in 1969, it appeared in *Time* magazine's list of the 100 all-time

best English-language novels written since 1923. At the same time, it was banned from a number of school districts until as late as 1989. Its first review in the *New York Times* stated: "you will either love it or push it back in the science-fiction corner."

You can check the book from your local public library or buy it. Each major bookstore carries it and inexpensive copies are available at most on-line bookstores, including [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com).

After reading *Slaughterhouse Five*, write a brief response to the discussion question below. Then, no later than **August 1, 2010**, send a copy of your response. This response will serve as your RSVP for the Honors Colloquium.

### **Question for Written Response (300 words)**

"The MYSTIC chords of MEMORY shape our view of the past in many ways as we REFLECT upon what was and how it SHAPED what is. How does the author accomplish this within the framework of the novel to interpret a horrific series of events in HISTORY?"

### **Honors Colloquium**

At noon on **Friday August 13**, Honors freshmen and faculty mentors will meet in the University Center's Magnolia Room to enjoy a luncheon hosted by the Honors Student Association. At the end of our meal, Dr. Charles Johnosn, Professor of History, will offer some remarks to help begin our discussion. At about **1:00** we will break out into small groups, co-led by Honors faculty members and mentors, to get better acquainted and to share our responses to Vonnegut's book. At around **2:00 p.m.** we will start some games and bonding activities, so wear comfortable clothes and shoes. Casual dress is recommended (no torn jeans and cut-offs, please). You will learn more about upcoming events as well as meet the officers and some other members of the Honors Student Association.