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**WELCOME TO AP LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION!** We are so happy you have decided to enroll in this course. AP English is a challenging class for students with a special talent and interest in close reading of literature and advanced writing. Although the class requires more time and effort than a regular English class, an increased confidence in your ability to use language and a greater appreciation for literature and life are the rewards.

Over the summer you will be reading an **INDEPENDENT NOVEL**.

**CHOICES INCLUDE:**

*The Road* by Cormac McCarthy

*Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley

*Wuthering Heights* by Emily Brontë

*A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway

*One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich* by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

*Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston

*Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen

*1984* by George Orwell.

Read and annotate this novel. If you choose not to purchase the novel, make copious notes about the novel so you can discuss major ideas in the book on day one of class.

Please keep in mind that this assignment is our *first impression* of you as a student. Please put forth 100% effort. Do not wait until the last minute to complete your reading. It will show. If you have questions about the assignment or the class, please don't hesitate to email either one of us. Come to class ready to discuss, challenge, question and share multiple insights about our readings. We look forward to meeting you and beginning our journey to a better understanding of literature, author's craft, and the art of writing.

Have a great summer!

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