



To fall **Honors English** or **AP English** students and their parents:

You have the opportunity this summer to prepare for the challenge of the Honors or AP course you have chosen for next fall. These rigorous Honors and AP courses, including the summer preparation, will guide you to an additional opportunity: achieving the critical-thinking skills necessary when taking the AP Language and Composition Exam (11th grade) and AP Literature and Composition Exam (12th grade).

More specifically, to create a rigorous and continuous AP vertically-aligned curriculum in grades nine through twelve, **we strongly encourage you to complete during the summer the reading and accompanying course-specific assignment which will be due by the end of the second week of school (trimester 1)**. The goal is to have you step into the classroom in the fall ready to learn. In the event that the summer is completely booked for you, you will still be able to complete the work in the fall; it will just be added to the expected fall course work.

Below you will find information specific to your course:

Honors English 9: Over the summer, we would like you to read ONE of the following novels. Please choose from:

Dracula by Bram Stoker

Great Expectations by Charles Dickens

In the Time of the Butterflies by Julia Alvarez

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes (ENTIRE COLLECTION) by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Something Wicked this Way Comes by Ray Bradbury

The Bonesetter's Daughter by Amy Tan

Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte

Some copies of these novels are available in our East Ridge High School media center. Some copies are available at the public libraries in Cottage Grove and Woodbury, and there may be websites where these novels can be downloaded for free. If you choose to try to check out a novel from the ERHS media center, you can visit the media center on Wednesday June 8th from 3:05pm - 4:00pm or Tuesday June 14th from 9:00am - 11:00am.

As you read, please pay special attention to a character who you admire or who inspires you as you read your summer novel of choice. Also, pay attention to a theme in the novel that connects to your own life. The format for your notes can be found on page two of this letter. You will then compose a writing piece in class in the fall that closely follows the five-paragraph essay format.

Thank you for your interest and your willingness while participating in this rigorous course. Have a wonderful summer; we look forward to working with you in the fall.

The 9th Grade East Ridge English Team as supported by the ERHS English Department

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As you read the book you have selected from the list, please keep track of your notes in the following format (use these two sheets as your guide for length):

Questions & Quotations	Comments & Notes
<p><i>In this section you should record any questions you have or quotations you believe to be important or significant.</i></p> <p><i>You should also record the page number(s) related to these questions and quotations</i></p>	<p><i>In this section you should write about:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>-Your personal reactions to the text</i><i>-Details related to themes and characters</i><i>-Page/chapter number(s) with the relevant information in the novel.</i>

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