

To: Parents of Students taking AP English Language and Composition 2016-17  
From: Mrs. Van Pevenage  
Date: June 7, 2017  
RE: Summer Reading Assignment

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Your student has chosen to register for Advanced Placement English Language and Composition for the upcoming school year. This course is designed to help prepare him/her for the **May 16, 2018 AP Exam**. To facilitate communication with you, I am providing you below with the first portion of the summer reading assignment that your student was given and expected to complete. I am also duplexing on the back of this memo the student-parent-teacher contract for this course that was included in your student's summer reading assignment packet. I appreciate your partnership as we work together in preparation for the May test date specifically, but also toward the goal of building stronger reading, writing and critical thinking skills through this course's work.

Please call me at the school 725-4021 or email me at tvanpevenage@davenportsd.org with any questions.

Welcome to the world of Advanced Placement courses. Hopefully, you will be spending time this summer with your family and friends, renewing your energy in preparation for the school year ahead. You are thinking about that already, right? ☺

To help you begin to build a base for the upcoming AP English Language and Composition course, you will need to complete the summer reading assignment described below. This is NOT an optional assignment. **I will expect you to submit quality, original, typed work when we return to school on Wednesday August 30.**

**Assignment learning target: After reading this book, you will have an increased awareness of choices a writer makes and "tools" he/she uses to shape the reader's experience and perception.**

Heed my advice:

- 1) Don't procrastinate!
- 2) The chapters are short, so chip away at the summer work little-by-little, one chapter at a time.
- 3) Give your full effort and attention to each chapter and assignment.
- 4) Did I mention don't procrastinate?
- 5) Read each chapter even if there's not a "task" to do with each one. Remember, this course and our work is meant to prepare you for a great opportunity to earn college credit. Don't waste the opportunity!
- 6) Bring your assignment the first day because we will be doing some work with it before you submit it.
- 7) Finally, don't procrastinate. ☺