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Freshman HONORS ENGLISH SUMMER READING

Dear Freshman Honors Student,

Thank you for registering for 9th grade *Honors English*, an **intensely rigorous course with high expectations**. To help prepare you for the advanced work required in this class, you will need to fulfill the assignments listed below **before** the fall term begins. You will be **tested** over the texts the first week of the semester in which you are scheduled to take this class. There will be no class discussion of the texts prior to the exams.

Assignments:

1. During the 12 week summer, read the following texts:

1. *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros
2. *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles
3. excerpts from *Mythology* by Edith Hamilton (Most these are on-line)
 - a. Introduction to Classical Mythology (*includes Mythology of the Greeks and Greek and Roman Writers of Mythology*)
 - b. The Gods (*includes Titans and 12 Great Olympians, Lesser Gods of Olympus, Gods of Waters, Underworld, Lesser Gods of Earth, and Roman Gods*)
 - c. The Cyclops Polyphemus
 - d. Pyramus and Thisbe
 - e. The Trojan War (*includes Prologue: Judgment of Paris and Trojan War*)
 - f. The Adventures of Odysseus (*all*)
 - g. The House of Atreus (*includes Tantalus and Niobe, Agamemnon and His Children, and Iphigenia among the Taurians*)

2. As you read, make detailed notes about **the plot, plot structure, characters, setting, mood, point of view, universal themes, symbols, major images, and significant passages** in order to prepare for the novel exams. I suggest that you highlight important passages and make notes in the margins of the texts.

3. In addition to taking exams over these novels, you will also be analyzing them in a series of assignments and essays during the first week of class (for both semesters). It is very important that you commit to reading, studying, and reviewing the novels in a timely manner.

Please familiarize yourself with the following RHS Honors English expectation:

From the syllabus. . . "Late work will **NOT** be accepted. All assignments must be **ON TIME, EVERY TIME!** Turning in late work and producing poor quality work are unbecoming behaviors for an honor student to display.

WELCOME to RHS Honors English. I look forward to sharing a learning experience with you that will be both challenging and enlightening.

Regards,

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