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To: English 11 AP Students

Dear 11th-grade AP English Language and Composition Students,

Welcome to 11th-grade Advanced Placement English! This letter contains your summer reading assignment, comprised of carefully chosen books sure to enrich your summer and your life, as well as next year's A. P. English.

We have worked hard to create a list of books, both fiction and non-fiction, that are enjoyable as well as provoking and recommended to college-bound students; books that you can read on the beach, in the car, or in your favorite reading chair. Most are books that have appeared on previous A. P. English exams, and many are titles receiving recognition as National Book Award winners and Booker Prize winners. All are books that are by American authors or that relate to studies in American history or culture.

We do expect you to do some writing, as well, to encourage you to think deeply and engage in each author's unique voice and their vision about the past or the present and in some cases, the future.

If you have any questions about this assignment, the books as you read them, or the classes in general, please either visit or email one of the 11th-grade AP Language and Composition teachers listed below. Mr. Moody will be available in his room (207) at Portage High School until July 6, and he is able to personally answer questions if you have any during the first summer session. Otherwise, Mr. Moody will periodically check his email (pmoody@portage.k12.in.us) for the remainder of the summer.

Please enjoy yourselves this summer. Work hard, think imaginatively, and write well. We are excited to have you in our classes next fall!

Regards,
Mr. Downes
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