

To senior AP Literature and Composition students:

The following is a list of required summer reading for all AP students. These books will be available at a variety of prices through a range of publishers. All local bookstores cooperate with the school district and purchase multiple copies of the texts for purchase by our students. One such bookstore is Border's near the Viewmont Mall. Another option is Amazon.com for new and used editions. The Scranton and Abington Libraries also have several of these titles available. Please **read the full texts**, rather than abridged options for each title.

These titles are recognized as texts which college-bound students should read. They represent important concepts in British, American and World literature which will enrich your understanding and inspire meaningful class discussion. Each of these works has appeared on the AP test in recent years, and will help prepare you for this rigorous exam. While they should present some challenge, they should also allow you hours of enjoyable summer reading.

Required reading for all students:

- *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley
- *Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad

Read either one of these two plays by William Shakespeare

- *Othello*
- *The Tragedy of Macbeth*

Read either of these two novels set in India:

- *A Passage to India* by E.M. Forster
- *Sister of My Heart* by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni

Select any one of the following three novels:

- *The Return of the Native* by Thomas Hardy
- *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen
- *The Remains of the Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro

You will be tested on these books the second day of the 2011-12 school year. In order to prepare for this test, I recommend that you take notes on your reading and review them during the week prior to the start of school next September. I look forward to working with you next year as we explore these and other literary works.

Sincerely,

AP English Teacher