Dear Students and Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2019:

Welcome to an exciting, new educational adventure. To prepare for the journey, the “Summer Required Reading” is enclosed.

Please review. The required reading material has been carefully compiled from several noted sources to capture student interest. Both works are definitively “classics” and have been enjoyed, appreciated, and revisited – earning the term “classic.”

Finally, the most important aspect of reading is enjoyment. So, consider securing audio versions of printed texts. They are easily accessible through the Internet, public libraries, and bookstores. Keep in mind, they are not to be used in place of the book but in conjunction with actual reading of the printed text. Likewise, film adaptations are good closings for students (after the book has been read). Both audio and visual presentations facilitate students’ connections to literature by making the work come alive.

Have a safe, enjoyable, and relaxing summer!

Happy reading,

AP Literature Teachers

All AP Literature students are required to read both of the selections listed below by the start of school in September.

- *Jane Eyre* - Charlotte Bronte

and

- *Midnight's Children* – Salman Rushdie

So, to clarify, students are required to read two (2) books over the summer.

Upon return to school in September, there will be a written assessment. Please do not attempt to use any print or non-print resources, in lieu of actually reading the novels. The instructor is able to discern when a student attempts to side-step the reading process.
• Plus, keeping a notebook on any and all readings is recommended, since it will assist you when preparing for the written assessment. Entries might include title(s) of text(s), date(s) started, date(s) completed, and personal reflections on elements of plot (i.e. reactions to characters, settings, points of view, conflicts, turning points, resolutions, themes ...credibility, or not, of plot and why!!!). Not a book report – rather a personal reflection. Notebook may be presented to instructor on first day of school.

Again, thank you!