Dear AP Literature student,

Welcome to AP Literature and Composition! I am happy and excited that you have elected to challenge yourself with this college English course. I encourage you to read the course description and sample AP exam questions from the College Board website at http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/repository/ap-english-course-description.pdf.

Here is a segment of the description from College Board:

**Introduction**

An AP English Literature and Composition course engages students in the careful reading and critical analysis of imaginative literature. Through the close reading of selected texts, students deepen their understanding of the ways writers use language to provide both meaning and pleasure for their readers. As they read, students consider a work’s structure, style and themes, as well as such smaller-scale elements as the use of figurative language, imagery, symbolism and tone.

Students can expect to become critical readers of literature and to strengthen the effectiveness of their writing. All students are required to take the AP exam given in May 2020, which may earn them college credit.

In order to prepare for the start of the course in September, complete the summer reading assignments and purchase the necessary text for the class. It will be very helpful for you to take notes and annotate within the text like you will in college. Please see me if purchasing the text is not feasible. Do not let this stop you from taking the course.

*Do not wait until the last minute to complete the summer reading assignments and/or to order the text needed for the course.*

**Purchase the following text in time for the first day of school:**

*Perrine’s Literature: Structure, Sound and Sense (10th edition)*

Thomas R. Arp, Greg Johnson
Price on Amazon: $80.00 (New); $25.00 (Used)

If you have any questions over the summer, you may email me before August 20, 2019 at abrown@freelake.org.

Enjoy your summer and happy reading!

Mrs. Brown