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Dear Folsom English Student:

Thank you for your interest in Advanced Placement or Honors English. As you know, the purpose of the program is to prepare you for one or both AP classes, which are college level. The exciting and challenging preparatory classes we offer give you the chance to demonstrate your ability to write competently, think critically, work independently, and read at an advanced level. Please note, however, that only AP English classes receive weighted grade points; Honors English classes do not. If the level of rigor and/or commitment to summer reading affects your choice in placement, **please contact your counselor as soon as possible**. If you choose to remain in the program, you may be tested on one or more of the summer reading books within the first few weeks of school

To help you reduce the reading commitment this accelerated program requires, you must complete the summer reading program as outlined for specific classes below. This allows us to cover all of the titles that are necessary to prepare you for future AP classes and college-level work. You need to be ready at the beginning of the new school year to discuss, analyze, and write on the following works as determined by grade level:

**Honors 9 (Freshmen)**

*Mythology* by Edith Hamilton

**Honors 10 (Sophomores)** No summer reading requirements

**Advanced Placement in English Language and Composition (Juniors)** No summer reading requirements

**Advanced Placement in English Literature and Composition (Seniors)** Email questions to Mr. Carroll at [fc Carroll@fcusd.org](mailto:fc Carroll@fcusd.org)

*Frankenstein* by Mary Shelly

*The Natural* by Bernard Malamud

*Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley

Optional but strongly recommended *Hero with a Thousand Faces* by Joseph Campbell

*The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by Robt. L. Stevenson

*The Taming of the Shrew* by William Shakespeare

You may wish to borrow the books from the public library; however, we strongly recommend purchasing them. This will allow you to write and highlight in the book—a skill and advantage needed for success in college and college-level classes.

Again, welcome to a demanding but rewarding program. We look forward to sharing the summer reading with you in August.

Sincerely,  
Bulldog English Department