Freshman Honors English
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Summer Assignment

Welcome to Freshman Honors English! I am thrilled you've chosen to sign up for this rich and challenging English course. This course requires students to think critically, read extensively, and to write logically and coherently. Successful students are those who learn to budget their time, and balance their academic work with extracurricular activities.

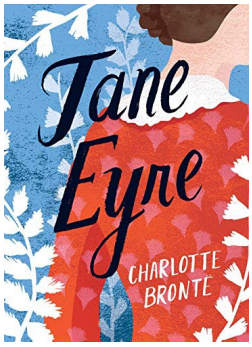
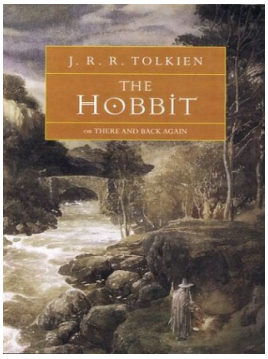
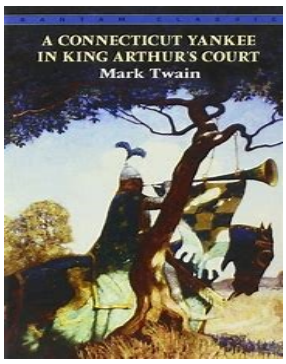
This course begins with a summer assignment. Our summer assignment is designed to give you needed background as well as to start you thinking about one of our major themes: the classical hero. In class this year, we will explore the "hero cycle" and read major works that highlight and define a hero.

This summer, I'd like you to choose one of the three novels listed below and write a beautiful literary analysis essay.
Choice #1: *The Hobbit*, by J.R.R. Tolkien
Choice #2: *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court,* by Mark Twain
Choice #3: *Jane Eyre,* by Charlotte Bronte

After completing the book, write an essay in which you answer this prompt:

Is the protagonist of your book a hero? Why or why not?

Essay Requirements

- Strong thesis statement
- Well crafted sentences and paragraphs that support your thesis
- Three or more direct quotes from your book that support your assertions
- Please type and double space your final copy.
- Your essay should have a minimum of five excellent paragraphs.

Please bring your essay to class on the first full day of school. (You do not have to bring it on Freshman Orientation day.) I look forward to reading your work, and hearing your responses to these three novels.