Dear Upcoming **Honors Literature & Composition II students,**

By applying for Honors English, you accepted the challenge to work a little harder and become a stronger student, which begins with your required summer reading.

All Honors Literature & Composition II students are required to read ***All the Light We Cannot See*** **by Anthony Doerr**.

As you read, annotate your book to track at least ***three*** **of the following topics**. By the time you reach the end of the novel, be prepared to discuss how these topics have developed into themes (universal truths that can be learned through reading the story).

Survival Memory Identity Family Courage Compassion

Tracking the development of topics into themes will be one of the major focuses of our first unit.

During the first week of school, expect writing prompts, discussion opportunities, and creative assignments focusing on your reading of this text. It is your responsibility to be done with your reading and annotating by that point, and extensions will not be granted. We recommend that you acquire your own personal copies of the book so that you can highlight and annotate them, but you may also choose to use sticky notes or a separate journal to track the themes above. The ELA Department has copies available to borrow, so please let Mrs. Allee or Mrs. Bradburn know if you'd like a loaner copy.

Please recognize that it is normal and acceptable to struggle with some of your reading; you only become a better reader by finding material that causes you to stretch your abilities. If you consult other sources to aid your comprehension, make sure you use these sources to *support* your comprehension and *not replace* the reading of the text itself.

This book deals with mature topics and intense scenarios. If you have any questions or concerns about this novel, please contact Mrs. Allee and/or Mrs. Bradburn.

PLEASE NOTE:

This is not something you can put off until the last week of the summer, so get started as soon as possible. Some of the reading will be difficult. Plan ahead: give yourself enough time to switch texts if you begin one that you do not like.

We look forward to meeting you in August or January. Feel free to email us with questions. Happy reading!

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