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Dear AP Literature Student,

Congratulations on your decision to take Advanced Placement Literature & Composition! We are genuinely looking forward to helping you develop the thoughtful and purposeful level of literary analysis and composition representative of the college-level coursework this class requires.

Since AP Literature & Composition requires both a depth of literary analysis experience and a breadth of literary knowledge, you are required to read TWO books this summer:

Wuthering Heights by Emily Brontë

and

How to Read Literature Like a Professor: A Lively and Entertaining Guide to Reading Between the Lines by Thomas C. Foster

We have copies of both books available if you would like to sign them out. Please see one of us for your copy!

While there is no formal journal assignment on these two texts, you should read both very actively. Take notes on them, write in them if you purchase your own copies, or keep your own journal as you read. In Brontë's novel, look for thematic development, literary devices, structural components, and intertextual connections. We encourage you to read Foster first, followed by Brontë. In Foster's text, look for connections between texts you already know, look for ideas about how to read that might be new to you, and try to apply his ideas to *Wuthering Heights*. You will be expected to be ready to apply both texts on the first day of the school year, and you will be expected to do so in a mature and sophisticated way.

There will be a formal assessment on these books at the start of the school year. We will announce the exact format, dates, and grading expectations when we meet in the fall.

Happy reading!

Mrs. Bastedo & Ms. Perillo

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