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Dear Parents and Students,

I write to remind you about the importance of reading to succeed in Pre-AP and AP courses, specifically in my classes. Not reading (which also includes skimming, scanning, *Wikipedia* summaries, *Sparknotes*, *Cliffnotes*, etc.) ensures poor performance or even failure on your tests and essays, but actually reading the assigned texts ensures success in all aspects of my classes including class participation, testing, and essays.

More immediately and specifically, I write to remind you about summer reading. God willing, at the beginning of the fall semester in August, you will take a major quiz over the summer reading the first day of class. In preparation for that quiz, you don't have to memorize anything or prepare any study questions; just read - read the text(s) (every word) and you will do well on the quiz. I guarantee it. Also remember that reading-quiz grades represent a large percentage of your overall average. While most quizzes are ten-point quizzes over shorter reading assignments, the summer reading quiz is a 100-point quiz, so it carries a lot of weight (and, potentially, a lot of reward!).

I look forward to exploring wonderful literature with you, and filtering our understanding of everything we read through God's Word.

I'm enjoying the summer by writing, playing my guitar, fishing, and preparing for a vacation trip to Yellowstone. . . . Oh, yes, . . . and I'm reading as well!

Best regards,

Dr. Brunson