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Dear Parents and Students,

I write on behalf of the Pre-AP and AP humanities teacher(s) to remind you about the importance of reading to succeed in Pre-AP and AP courses. Not reading (which also includes skimming, scanning, *Wikipedia* summaries, *Sparknotes*, *Cliffs Notes*, etc.) ensures poor performance or even failure on your tests and essays, but actually reading the assigned texts ensures success in all aspects of the class 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 week of class. In preparation for that quiz, you don't have to memorize anything or prepare any study questions; just read—read the text (every word) and you will do well on the quiz. (It wouldn't hurt to mark key passages as well.) 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!).

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

Best regards,
Kent Travis, Department Chair

Summer Assignments for Pre-AP and AP:

Pre-AP 9: *Republic of Plato* trans. by F.M. Cornford (ISBN: 978-0-19500364-2)

Pre-AP 10: *Song of Roland* trans. by Dorothy L. Sayers (ISBN: 978-0-14-0440751)

AP 11: *Robinson Crusoe* by Daniel Defoe (ISBN: 978-0486404271)