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Dear AP Literature and Composition Student:

We are excited that you are enrolled in Advanced Placement Literature and Composition next year. As an AP student, you are required to participate in independent summer reading. Please read the following novels over the summer:

Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad
Sula by Toni Morrison
Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison.

We will be analyzing in depth the above books during the school year as well. Attached you will find the assignment sheet connected to these three novels. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact any of us via email:

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We also recommend that you purchase and read *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte because this will be the second novel we study in depth during the year. There will be no summer assignment attached to this novel. We believe that reading *Wuthering Heights* the first time over the summer and a second time during the school year will give you the best chance to be successful in the course.

Have a restful and safe summer. We look forward to seeing you in class!

Sincerely,

Gabriel Popovich
AP Literature Teacher

Caleb Parnin
AP Literature Teacher

Mary Luckritz
AP Literature Teacher

AP Literature & Composition Summer Reading Assignments

Please write a fully developed paragraph responding to each of the below prompts. These will be due the first day of your AP Literature & Composition class.

***Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison**

After reading the entire novel, please choose your favorite minor character and defend why this character is essential to the novel.

***Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad**

After reading the entire novel, in a fully developed paragraph, please analyze the meaning of the title.

***Sula* by Tony Morrison**

Toni Morrison writes in the forward of *Sula*, "Outlaw women are fascinating..." After reading *Sula*, choose one of the outlaw women characters and explain in a fully developed paragraph why she is fascinating.

Grade

100 points will be awarded for completion of these three assignments. You will not be assessed for "correctness." Your writing will give the instructor an opportunity to evaluate how carefully you have read the novels and serve as a writing sample, but you will be given full credit.

These assignments will be collected the first day of class.