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Dear Honors English 10 Student,

I am very pleased to have you enrolled for Honors English 10. Starting now, you are part of a rigorous but rewarding English course that will build on the reading, writing, and analysis skills learned during freshman year. This class is designed for students with intellectual curiosity, a strong work ethic, and a willingness to participate in lively discussion. Thus, the attached assignments will help me gauge your ability to read with attention to the writer's craft and observe how your comprehension of the text informs your interpretation of the required reading. **Everything outlined in the summer assignment is due on the first day of school—TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2016.**

There are two novels, which are required summer reading in preparation for Honors English 10. Both novels are available for purchase at a major bookstore (for example, Barnes and Noble) or through an online vendor (for example, Amazon.com). Several copies of each book will be available for you on a "first come first served" basis in the main office at BSM.

The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway (ISBN-10: 0-684-80122-1)

Lord of the Flies by William Golding (ISBN: 0-399-50148-7 or 978-399-50148-7)

The intent of this assignment is not to create busy work but rather to put into practice reading skills that will encourage you to . . .

- learn to read more carefully and critically.
- become engaged with the subject matter—question it, agree with it, disagree with it, compare it to other issues, make connections.
- come to see reading and writing as a way of exploring and learning about a subject, rather than just a product to be judged.
- move from merely summarizing material into analyzing, interpreting and evaluating material.
- make meaning for yourself rather than look to teachers for the "right answers."
- and become a more effective reader and thinker.

I recommend reading the novels and completing the assignment close to the start of school so the material is fresh in your mind when you begin class. Also, you can expect either a timed-essay or test on the novels within the first week of class.

The summer reading aside, take time to laze and linger about so you come to class refreshed and eager to read, write, and discuss. Please feel free to email me if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to our time together in the fall.

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