



VERNON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

English Department

Honors Program Summer 2009

Dear Student:

Welcome to English 11 Advanced Placement. During this year-long course, you will be reading British Literature and preparing to take the national Advanced Placement English Language and Composition examination. AP English consists of a concentration of important works representing various historical periods, rhetorical styles, and genres in British intellectual history.

Because the emphasis of the course is to enhance your ability to read and analyze significant texts, you are assigned the following novels as summer reading: George Orwell's *1984*, Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World*, and Charles Dickens' *Oliver Twist*. You will also read one history play by Robert Bolt, *A Man for All Seasons*.

During class you will be examining your response to the societies in which the novels and play are set, and your recognition of assumptions and ideas imbedded in each text. You may wish to note plot lines and character names for reference in discussion and writing. For this purpose, a short, personal reading journal is a good idea. Although this is not a requirement, if you choose to keep a personal reading journal, you will be permitted to use it on timed-writings and graded discussions in the opening days of the school year.

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