AP ENGLISH IV SUMMER READING REQUIREMENTS
2016 - 2017

PART ONE.
Text: Language of Literature (to be signed out by students prior to the end of the school year)

Read the following in your text (including background information):

Shakespeare Background	Pages 314 - 322
Macbeth	Pages 323 - 416

Please be familiar with this work (take notes on character, record meaningful quotes, etc.) for an assessment at the beginning of the school year.

PART TWO.
Students must read **TWO** of the following titles:

All the King's Men (R. Warren)
The Bonesetter's Daughter (Amy Tan)
The Namesake (Jhumpa Lahiri)
Native Son (Richard Wright)

ASSESSMENT

- Students will be given an assessment based on their reading of Macbeth. Students will be allowed to use their notes in class.
- Students will write two in-class essays in response to Advanced Placement essay questions and receive **2** essay grades. Students will be permitted to use their handwritten notes for these assessments.

Students **must** take handwritten notes on the book as they will be able to use the notes to complete the in-class essay that will be given within the first three days of school. Missing or plagiarized notes will result in a decreased score. Students will also participate in a literature circle classroom activity based on their summer reading during the first week of school. **Students will have the opportunity to earn 8% of their first marking period grade.**

Have the novels read and handwritten notes completed by the first day of school. It would also be helpful to bring a copy of the novels to class.

What Should My Notes Look Like?

1. They must be handwritten.
2. They must not be copied from an Internet website. They must be original.
3. They must show the basic elements of fiction reflected in the novel such as plot, character, setting, theme, point-of-view, etc.
4. Your notes must consist of several key quotes or passages that were essential or pivotal to your understanding of the book.
5. You should also consider "the big picture". In other words, what lesson(s) did the author want you to learn from reading his or her book?
6. How many pages of notes should you have? It is up to the student's discretion to determine the amount of notes he or she takes. It is suggested that you have enough notes to help you answer the in-class essay question, which will require the student to write several paragraphs.

Please email any questions to sczekalski@wdeptford.k12.nj.us