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RE: A.P. ENGLISH – 12th Grade Honors Program

Dear Student:

For your culminating Honors English course, you are required to complete the following assignments prior to your return to the fall semester in September. You are required to read *Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens, *Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoyevski, and *King Lear* by William Shakespeare. We highly recommend that you, as an Honors student, purchase your own copies of these works, enabling you to highlight relevant and pertinent passages and information.

For *Crime and Punishment*, you are to write an essay in which you thoroughly and intelligently address the following prompt:

Nearly all great works of literature involve the main character in one or more conflicts. The conflict(s) may be external or internal, physical or psychological, life threatening or non-threatening, insurmountable or manageable. In other words, conflicts emerge in many ways, but nearly always control the progression of work.

Clearly identify the main character's major conflict and discuss how this conflict controls the progression of the plot. In your discussion you will also have to incorporate the author's use of minor characters.

Your essay must be typed, double spaced, and follow the format specified in the KRHS Style Sheet (MLA). Your essay should be between two and three pages in length and must incorporate specific references with page numbers from the novel in support of your thesis. Do not use secondary sources. This is your analysis of the primary source only.

Upon your return to Kittatinny in September, you will be required to discuss and write AP prompts in class on the other novels.

In addition, you are to research the colleges to which you are applying, finding at least one essay assignment. Then, you are to write one college essay. Both papers are due on the first day of school.

Welcome to 12th Grade Honors English, also known as A.P. English – Literature and Composition, which will be challenging and rewarding. As with all learning, please keep in mind that the keys to success will be your willingness to analyze the works of literature in our curriculum and the degree of effort you put forth during the school year.

Have an enjoyable and “well-read” summer!

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