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English Honors Summer Assignment 9th Grade

Dear Student:

As a college bound student, you need to read many substantial literary works during your school experience to develop excellent comprehension and analysis skills. In order to accomplish this objective, the following summer reading has been assigned. During the first week of school, you will have the opportunity to demonstrate the degree of knowledge and insight you have obtained from these books by way of discussion, objective tests, and essays.

During your summer break, you will be required to read the following books: The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck and The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain. **Make sure to read the unabridged versions.** These novels have been chosen because of their literary value and their availability either in the public libraries or local book stores. It is highly recommended that you, as an Honors student, purchase your own copies of these works, enabling you to highlight relevant and pertinent passages and information.

In preparation for discussion in September, please complete the following written assignment and submit it to turnitin.com (Class ID is 17939200 – Enrollment Key is goldstein) by the first full day of school. The written assignment must be well-organized, double-spaced in 12 point Times New Roman font, and approximately two full pages.

James Truslow Adams first used the term “American Dream” in his 1931 book, *The Epic of America*. He states: “The American Dream is that dream of a land in which life should be better and richer and fuller for everyone, with opportunity for each according to ability or achievement a dream of social order in which each man and each woman shall be able to attain to the fullest stature of which they are innately capable.” How is the “American Dream” represented in the two novels? Is it depicted as a reality, an illusion, or both? Make sure to include in-text citations as support.

During your first week of school in September, please be prepared to test on both novels, so you may want to take notes on the novels.

Welcome to the 9th Grade Honors Program in English which will, I am sure, be a challenging one for you. 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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