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Welcome, AP English Literature Seniors!

I'm so glad you selected AP English: Literature and Composition for your senior English class. Once the school year is underway, we will be busy reading, thinking, writing, and my favorite part, discussing amazing works of literature.

To allow us to hit the ground running when September rolls around, you need to read **Charlotte Brontë's *Jane Eyre*** to prepare for our first unit of study. Do not passively read this text. You must engage with the text each time you pick it up and consciously make meaning of it.

In addition to annotating (highlighting, jotting notes, sticky notes) in your book while reading, you **MUST** complete the following:

1. Create a dual entry log (either digital or handwritten) marking specific passages with questions/analysis/interpretation (avoid all plot summary). **You must have 10 entries per section:**
 - Section I: Chapters 1-15
 - Section II: Chapters 16-26
 - Section III: Chapters 27-38
2. Write two (2) responses in which you respond to specific passages you find significant/meaningful. Consider the cultural, contextual, historical aspects of the text as well as technical writing choices Bronte made. Do your best to move beyond just summarizing and get into interpreting the passage (the So What?). This can be either handwritten or typed.

Further explanations of how to respond to texts while reading are available on the Moodle page (enroll yourself in the Moodle course--enrollment key: ossenmacher). Bring your text, dual entry log, and your responses on the first day of class. Do not show up on the first day empty-handed. Do your best to move beyond plot summary.

Many editions of the text might include an introduction, foreword, preface, historical information, early reviews, or literary criticism. Read those, too!

My strongest AP English students read voraciously and extensively. This summer, I encourage you to read novels, periodicals, short fiction, plays, poetry--anything--just read. Above all else, enjoy what you read.

If you have any questions, please email me at rossenmacher@bloomfield.org

I look forward to working with you next year. Enjoy your summer!
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