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Dear Incoming English 10AP Prep Student:

Reading exposes you to new places, people and ideas. The English department has provided you with a summer reading list, which we believe will be a rewarding personal and educational experience. Many of the titles on this list have been suggested by last year's tenth grade students from their own outside reading.

In order to best prepare for this course it is required that you read two of the selected works before the beginning of school this fall. These titles are well known and readily available through our school book fair, at the high school library, most area libraries bookstores and used bookstores. You might ask friends, parents and teachers for some of their suggestions.

In addition to reading, keep a reader's journal for each work in which you incorporate the following information:

1. What you particularly liked about each novel (be specific).
2. Name something in the work that reminded you of someone, something, some situation, or occurrence in your own life (explain).
3. A list of the characters with descriptions and supporting quotations that illustrate different traits of each character.
4. A significant literary device (i.e., foreshadowing, verbal or situational irony, internal or external conflict, point of view, flashback, etc.)
5. The theme of the novel and a detailed explanation.

Please hold on to your reading journal as it will better prepare you to complete the assessment based on your reading. You will be assessed on your understanding of the novels through an essay you write within the first month of school.

Enjoy your summer! We look forward to meeting with you in September.

Sincerely,

The English Department

**Your Choices**

**Author**

F. Scott Fitzgerald  
Ernest Hemingway  
Mark Twain  
Richard Wright  
Willa Cather  
Olive Ann Burns  
Tobias Wolff  
Michael Shaara  
Maya Angelou  
Edith Wharton

**Title of Book**

Tender is the Night  
For Whom the Bell Tolls  
Tom Sawyer  
Native Son  
My Antonia  
Cold Sassy Tree  
This Boy's Life  
Killer Angels  
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings  
Summer

