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Dear Honors English 12 Students and Parents:

Honors English 12 should prepare students for their college courses, all of which have intensive reading requirements. Chesapeake Public Schools has implemented a suggested summer reading list for its high school Honors English students. Western Branch High School requires students to read several novels during each semester. Two of these selections, *Night* by Elie Weisel and *1984* by George Orwell, will be discussed early in the semester. It is recommended that students read these selections during the summer so they can be prepared for such discussions. Additional readings during the semester include, but are not limited to, the following:

Hamlet by William Shakespeare
A Doll's House by Henrik Ibsen
Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead by Tom Stoppard
Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
Dracula by Bram Stoker
Four Major Plays by Henrik Ibsen
The Canterbury Tales by Geoffrey Chaucer
Pygmalion by George Bernard Shaw
The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde
Siddhartha by Herman Hesse

This course is designed to help students engage in intensive reading and critical analysis of British literature and literature of other countries. We will also study the composing process in a way that focuses on rhetoric and logic for the purpose of developing individual style. All of this will create students who are better able to think and speak critically and analytically.

I am excited about teaching this course, and I look forward to meeting all of you next year. I hope that you have a wonderful summer, and that you come back to school energized and ready to learn. Be sure to relax, have fun, and read! If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail me at Rebecca.hinton@cpschools.com.

Sincerely,

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