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Dear Pre-AP Freshman English Student:

Welcome to Pre-AP Freshman English and Wenatchee High School! As a department, we have provided you some summer reading activities to help prepare you for Freshman Pre-AP. These required activities will be due the second week of the 2019-2020 school year and will be among your first graded assignments of the new school year. All written work is to be typed or written neatly in blue or black ink in final draft form and as free from grammatical errors as possible.

Assignment #1: Read a book from the enclosed list and identify why it is a book of literary merit. These books have been selected because they either are regularly on the AP Literature test or are considered a valuable piece of literature in some way. As you read, use the Works of Literary Merit handout on the back of the book list to decide which of the characteristics of literary merit your book has. Identify two traits from the list and write a paragraph for each trait explaining how your book demonstrates it.

Some of the titles on the lists can be obtained through the North Central Regional Library (<http://ncrl.org/>) in downtown Wenatchee and others are in the public domain, so you may be able to download a digital copy free. Please consider consulting with your parent or guardian when choosing a novel appropriate for your level as many of these novels may have mature content, language, or themes. Most of these books also have a higher Lexile level. Please do some research to find a book both appropriate for your reading level and one you will enjoy.

Assignment #2: Read the following short stories listed below. After reading each short story, write a paragraph for each story explaining a lesson the protagonist learns and how he or she learns that lesson. Please do not summarize the story but focus on answering the prompt. These short stories can be downloaded from Google Classroom with the following classroom code (**zq5ytq**) or at the URLs beside each story. If you do not have access to the Internet at home; Starbucks, Target, and Walmart have free public Wi-Fi. The public library also has computers with Internet for public use.

“The Necklace” by Guy de Maupassant shorturl.at/efrRT

“To Build a Fire” by Jack London <https://goo.gl/Xmuzra>

“Marigolds” by Eugenia Collier <https://goo.gl/GNTuYN>

Be prepared to work with and discuss the readings and assignments during the first few weeks of class. Late work will receive no credit. Please write neatly in pen or type all written assignments and proofread for errors.

Congratulations on accepting this challenge! If you have any questions, please e-mail the teacher assigned to your last name, and he or she will happily get back to you.

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