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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Congratulations! Your child has advanced to the last course of our honors English program, AP Language and Literature. As this course addresses the structure and synthesis of language, it is important that students immerse themselves in reading this summer, whether it be at the beach, in the backyard, or on a boat...anywhere they can contemplate the craft of writing.

The English Department requires its Advanced Placement students in Language and Composition to read *all* three of the following classics by **September 11, 2009**:

***1984*, by George Orwell**
***Walden*, by Henry David Thoreau**
***Man's Search for Meaning*, by Viktor E. Frankl**

It is essential that students read the above works before entering school in the fall, as writing assignments will involve a comparative study of these works and new works assigned. Students are encouraged to take notes and highlight important quotes and events as they will be held accountable for details from the texts.

For additional titles read *beyond* the books required, we will again be including the extra credit component of the program. Students will be awarded one extra point per book read, up to a total of **three** points. These points will be added to your child's first quarter English grade after the completion of a response per each book read. While books have been provided, students may choose supplemental books not on our lists as long as you have approved their selections.

Please note that all forms are available online. You may:

- Pick your browser of choice and type in the address exactly as written (Google is case sensitive):
<http://sites.google.com/a/babylonufsd.org/babylon-jr-sr-high-school/Home/Summer-Reading-Program>
- Click on needed documents

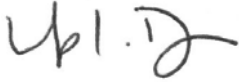
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- Pick your browser of choice and type: www.babylonschools.org
- Click on "Student Resources" (on left-hand side of the home page)
- Click on "Summer Reading Program"
- Click on needed documents

To ensure the success of the Advanced Placement Program in English, we need your support. Please encourage your child to complete this assignment in a timely manner, and if possible, discuss their selections with them. Your interest in their reading lives will help foster a more literate community.

We wish you a pleasant and safe summer.

Sincerely,



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