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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child has been invited to participate next year in the honors Advanced Placement English Program. To have a fulfilling learning experience, it is important for him or her to become immersed in reading. Books transport easily to the boat, the beach, the pool...places where your child can slip away to another world while unwinding from the hectic school year.

This year, all AP Literature and Composition candidates are to read *all* three of the following classics by **September 11, 2009**:

***The Awakening*, by Kate Chopin**

***The Great Gatsby*, by F. Scott Fitzgerald**

***The Metamorphosis*, by Franz Kafka**

It is essential that students complete the above works before school begins in the fall, as writing assignments will involve a comparative study of these and new works assigned. In addition, students are encouraged to take notes and highlight important quotes, since memory of details will be required for class discussion and assigned writing.

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. We have enclosed the Senior High Supplemental Reading List and the Senior High Required Reading List to assist your child in choosing additional titles. However, students may choose supplemental books not on the list 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 following 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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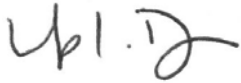
- Pick your browser of choice and type: www.babylonschools.org
- Click on "Student Resources" (on left-hand side of the home page)
- Click on "Summer Reading Program"
- Click on needed documents

Parental support is the key to success in all school programs. To ensure that your child has the opportunity to do well in the AP class, we encourage you to be aware of your child's absences from school as a result of illness, family obligations, or other school related activities. All absences from class negatively impact your child's preparedness for the exam.

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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