

To the Parents of Students Who Will Take 12th Grade A.P.English:

All students who will be taking 12th grade Advanced Placement English during the 2009/2010 school year must complete the following reading before the school year begins:

British Literature:

- *Brave New World* by Aldus Huxley
- *The Return of the Native* by Thomas Hardy
- *A Passage to India* by E.M. Forster
- *Othello* by William Shakespeare

American Literature:

- **The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald *or Ethan Frome* by Edith Wharton
**If you were in Junior Honors English and have already read this, you must read Ethan Frome instead.*

These books will be available at a variety of prices through a range of publishers. All local bookstores cooperate with the school district and purchase multiple copies of the texts for purchase by our students. One such bookstore is Border's near the Viewmont Mall. Another option is Amazon.com for new and used editions. The Scranton and Abington Libraries also have several of these titles available. Please read the full texts, rather than abridged options for each title.

Upon returning to school in September of 2009, students should be prepared to take an objective test and to write an essay based on their reading of these texts.

These titles are recognized as texts which college-bound students should read. They represent important concepts in British and American literature which will enrich students' understanding and inspire meaningful class discussion. Each of these works has appeared on the AP test in recent years, and will help prepare the students for this rigorous exam. While they should present some challenge to the students, they should also allow students hours of enjoyable summer reading.

Sincerely,

AP English Teacher