



Honors English 10 Applicant:

## Lincoln High School

### Honors English 10 – Summer Reading Assignments 2017

Dear Students and Parents:

Congratulations and welcome to Lincoln High School's Honors English program for the 10<sup>th</sup> grade – Honors English 10. Our program's goal is to make students college ready and to prepare students for the Advanced Placement English Literature program by exposing them to a variety of reading selections while developing the skills to recognize cultural and historical influences on literature.

*You are preliminarily enrolled in the class.* Summer reading is a required part of this program; to ensure your spot in the class you **must** complete assignments below. Below are the two summer readings. You may purchase your own texts or see me before May 25, 2016 if you would like to get a copy of Oedipus the King from me. I have only 15 available.

- Oedipus the King by Sophocles
- Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austin

Be prepared to complete in class assignments on the two texts on our first day of class and throughout the course. To aid your success, **I recommend you annotate the text as you read.** The goal is to develop your own thoughts and analysis. **Highlight** interesting, important, or confusing passages. List questions. Determine themes. Note figurative language. Look for patterns (words, details, images, symbols). **A hint:** use brackets, checks, stars, bullets, or asterisks to mark very important items or detail you want to return to later. In the front of the book record the symbol you used and write the page numbers that have that symbol. Another hint: if the book is not yours or you do not plan to write in it, strategically annotate on post-it notes. Remember that you will be tested day one and the first week on both novels.

*Final acceptance* into the Lincoln High School Honors English program *is* contingent upon completion of the summer reading assignment. You will be evaluated on your ability to personally engage with the text and successfully analyze it. Failure to complete the summer reading assignment *will* have a negative effect on overall grade.

I'm excited about next year's classes and look forward to working with you. If you have any questions, please contact me at the email address below over the summer.

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