

La Sierra High School

May, 2010

Dear Students and Parents:

Welcome to the English 2 Honors program at La Sierra High School. We are pleased that you have chosen a challenging course of study at La Sierra High and anticipate that you will enjoy the scope of this course.

Since a primary function of the Honors Program is to act as an introductory college course, Honors classes are more demanding than regular high school courses, thus requiring the most serious-minded and mature student. The curriculum of this rigorous course is designed to build academic discipline in the skills of reading, writing, and critical thinking through exposure to challenging and sophisticated literary works. As Honors teachers we have high expectations of you, the Honors student, to demonstrate your commitment to intensive, accelerated work with extensive literary analysis, independent close readings, careful attention to language and frequent practice essays.

The summer reading assignment is a valuable pursuit for you for several reasons. First, colleges expect students to have read widely in the classics of literature. Second, students need to exercise their independent reading skills over the summer months. Third, familiarity with specific pieces of literature allows the student to start the school year with a literary foundation on which to reflect and compose. And finally, the summer reading assignment contributes to a lifelong habit of educational growth and entertainment. **Attached is the English 2 Honors summer reading & writing assignment. The writing assignment is due the first day of school, Fall 2010.** As prescribed in the summer reading assignment, a test and essay will be administered the first week. Together with the test and essay, the writing assignment will be assessed at the beginning of the school year and the results will be reflected on the first progress report.

We look forward to the opportunity to work with each of you next year. Enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,

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