



Hebron 9th Grade Campus Pre AP, GT Pre AP, & Humanities Summer Reading Challenge

Dear Future Hebron Hawk,

Welcome to Pre AP English at Hebron 9th Grade Campus. This summer, you are challenged to continue reading books of choice for your personal benefit and enjoyment! Research consistently shows that students who do not read over the summer regress in the reading skills that have been acquired during the school year. As high school teachers, we want our students to progress instead of experiencing this type of loss; therefore, we are strongly encouraging you to read as much and as often as you can.

Reading for pleasure increases a person's reading and writing skills by increasing comprehension and expanding vocabulary, grammar, and spelling skills. You cannot write more skillfully than you can read; therefore, opening a good book this summer will prepare your mind for both the reading and writing components of high school English. We are not assigning specific books this summer, but we are asking that you find something to read that engages and excites you. When you have the ability to choose your own reading material, you are growing as a thinker, increasing your ability to focus, and developing reading independence.

For those students entering **Humanities** next year, Ms. Madewell and Ms. Ferguson send the following message: "While no summer reading is required, Humanities students are encouraged to continue exploring new ideas this summer through novels and articles, poems and biographies because we believe that words build worlds."

The above sentiment is **also true** for both **Pre AP English** and **GT Pre AP English** students. We suggest going to websites such as <https://www.goodreads.com/> or <https://www.fantasticfiction.com/> to find book suggestions. Remember, reading and thinking are healthy for your brain, so get some mental exercise this summer!

Sincerely,

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