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Dear Honors Student:

Class of 2011

Congratulations! You have made it to the final year of your preparation for the English Literature AP exam. You also have arrived at your final opportunity for required summer reading!

The texts that you are required to read prior to the first day of school are:

<b>“Good Readers and Good Writers”</b>	Vladimir Nabokov
<i>One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest</i>	Ken Kesey
<i>One Hundred Years of Solitude</i>	Gabriel Garcia Marquez

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**Comment:** See comment below.

Additional copies of the Nabokov essay can be accessed at the summer reading link on the Glenbard East website. The books are available at local bookstores and at public libraries. However, please note that you will need the essay and both novels with you in class the first few weeks of school. Your first essay will be written about one or both of these novels in the first few weeks of school.

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**Comment:** This essay will be distributed by the teacher the first week of class.

**Assignment:**

Both novels deal with the topics of power, isolation, fear, and sanity. Using Nabokov’s principles for critical reading, explore these topics in depth. For each novel, write a 2 page journal entry in which you explore 1 or more of these topics. You will hand in a total of 4 pages of writing. Be sure to use specific details, examples, and quotations from each novel (as suggested by Nabokov’s principles).

- This assignment will be due on the second day of class.
- We prefer that you type your journal entries; however, if you don’t have access to a computer, be sure your writing is legible.
- The purpose behind these journals is to get you to read critically and to develop your ideas. Therefore, we expect to see highly insightful, sophisticated, and intellectual ideas. Avoid obvious interpretations and plot summary.

If you wish to discuss your book(s) with other students or if you need some assistance, access your First Class email account this summer. In the English Conference area you will find a Summer Reading Conference area for your grade level. Use this conference as a message board to discuss and ask questions about your book(s).

We look forward to meeting you in the fall and reading what you have written about these novels. Hopefully, we have adequately anticipated your questions and answered them. However, if you have any other questions before then, please send an e-mail through First Class to one of the teachers; we will check messages periodically throughout the summer.

Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Emily Cosgrove

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