



El Dorado Union High School District  
**OAK RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL**

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Dear Oak Ridge students and families,

Congratulations on your enrollment in Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition! I think you will find that the class is well worth the effort during your senior year of high school. Hopefully your choice to enroll means that you welcome the rigor and excitement of an introductory-level college literature course. The course's main objective is to engage you in the close study of imaginative literature in order to hone your analytical reading and writing skills. Of course, in doing so, you will be prepared for the AP exam next May. In the '21-22 school year, you can look forward to reading excellent pieces of short fiction, novellas, novels, poetry, and drama--all from various time periods. I hope you enjoy reading them as much as I do!

**In an effort to create a solid foundation for literary analysis, I expect that over the summer, you will read and annotate two texts (ideally, in this order):** 1) [\*How to Read Literature Like a Professor\* by Thomas C. Foster](#), and 2) [\*The Handmaid's Tale\* by Margaret Atwood](#). These texts are only available digitally unless you obtain your own hard copy. There will be assessments on these texts within the first few weeks of school.

**You have already been invited to join our AP Literature Google Classroom (join code: a5wesqm).** Here, you can access more specific information regarding the summer assignment. Google Classroom is the platform I use to post assignments and class materials throughout the year. Guardian access is available upon request. I strongly recommend joining me via the Remind app. **Send a text to 81010 with this message: @gbhhac8.**

After a rather tumultuous '20-21 school year, I imagine that some of you are feeling anxious about entering this class. Please know that I promise to meet you where you are and I will guide you to where you need to be by the following spring. All I need from you is a willingness to learn and your best effort. I look forward to meeting those of you whom I have not yet taught, and to seeing those of you again who were in my class as sophomores. Seeing your names on my roster brings my heart joy and makes me so excited for next year! Have a safe and healthy summer in the meantime. Email me any time with questions; I will be checking email periodically throughout the summer.

Sincerely,

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