



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 Literature and Composition! This is an exciting and challenging class. The goal of the course, overall, is to engage you in imaginative literature of various time periods and genres, (fiction, poetry, drama), so that you hone your analytical reading and writing skills.

Because this course aligns with an introductory college-level literature course, it is important that over the summer, you prepare yourself for the rigors of the year ahead. **Before class begins, we will expect that you have read the following texts:**

(Novel) Margaret Atwood's *The Handmaid's Tale*

(Short Story) Flannery O'Connor's "A Good Man is Hard to Find"

(Poem) William Butler Yeats's "Sailing to Byzantium"

As you read, consider the work's structure, style, and themes, as well as its use of figurative language, imagery, symbolism and tone. We strongly recommend that you annotate or else record your thinking in a journal, though these notes will not be graded. We will assess your understanding of the material over the first few weeks of school.

Please note that you are *not* required to read or view something you find personally objectionable. Please contact one of the AP Lit teachers if you have questions or concerns regarding the content of any of the texts **prior to summer vacation.**

We look forward to meeting you in the fall. Happy reading!

Warm regards,

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