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Dear Freshman Honors English Student:

We are pleased that you have made the commitment to challenge yourself by registering for 9 Honors Literature and Composition for the next school year. This letter welcomes you to an academic program that encourages students to learn at an accelerated pace. Students in an honors section will be required to read and write more extensively than those in other ninth grade English courses.

To prepare for this class, students must complete required reading over the summer. Read the **two** books listed below before the first day of school:

The Good Earth
The Book Thief

by Pearl S. Buck
by Markus Zusak

Read both of the following books before the first day of second semester:

Animal Farm
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night

by George Orwell
by Mark Haddon

Readings must be completed **before** the first day of each semester. These texts will be the basis for classroom tests and writing assignments. The books are available at most libraries and bookstores.

We look forward to meeting you during the next school year. We hope you enjoy the readings and that you share your reading adventures with your friends and your family.

Sincerely,
Troy High English Department