Dear Future AP Lit Student,

Congratulations on deciding to take AP Lit! It’s going to be an exciting and intellectually stimulating year full of reading, writing, and discussing.

**Here is your summer task:**

Think about books for a minute. What’s your favorite book? What’s the most impactful or most important book you’ve ever read? Surely you have a few titles in mind. For your summer assignment, you are going to “decorate a cake” for a book of your choice. Please, let me explain.

**Requirements:**

* Choose one book.
* Create an artistic rendering of a cake you’d decorate to represent the book.
  + Symbolism is the goal here. Think about the objects that would adorn the cake. Think about the colors. Think about the flavors.
  + You should consider *all* elements of the book for your cake: plot, setting, character, structure, narration, and figurative language.
    - Everything you choose should mean something beyond the literal.
* How you create your cake is completely up to you. You can draw and color by hand. You can create something digitally. You can paint something. You can sculpt something. You can make an actual cake.
  + Your limit is your own creativity!
* You must have some kind of “cake” to physically hand in on the first **full** day of class.
* In addition to your symbolic cake, you should include a typed explanation of your choices.
  + Nothing fancy – just explain your cake choices. Be sure the title and author are included. Also, be sure to explain what flavors the cake would be and why. Symbolism, remember. 😊

**What else should you do this summer?**

* You can always read. ☺
  + If you google “AP Lit Reading List” you will find an abundance of recommendations.
* Or, of course, you can just read for fun! This is what I will be doing. And chasing my toddler.

**This is what we will be reading in class next year:**

* *No Country for Old Men* by Cormac McCarthy
* *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald (re-read)
* *Fences* by August Wilson
* *Beloved* by Toni Morrison

If you have any questions, please come by and see me in 135, or you can send me an email.

I’m really look forward to working with you guys this upcoming school year.

I hope you all have an incredible summer. Take time to relax, read, and of course, be safe and make good decisions.

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