**REQUIRED SUMMER READING FOR AP LITERATURE & COMPOSITION CADETS- 2014**

1. ***Great Expectations***—by Charles Dickens **ISBN-13: 9781593081164**
   * + - Humbled, orphaned Pip is apprenticed to the dirty work of the forge but dares to dream of becoming a gentleman— and one day he finds himself in possession of “great expectations.” One of Dickens’ finest novels, this is a captivating tale of crime and guilt, revenge and reward.
2. ***A Tale of Two Cities****—* by Charles Dickens **ISBN-13: 9781493565740**
   * + - Set in the late 18th century against the background of the French Revolution, Dickens tells a dramatic tale of London and revolutionary Paris. The scenes of large-scale mob violence are especially vivid. The complex plot involves Sydney Carton's sacrifice of his own life on behalf of his friends Charles Darnay and Lucie Manette. Dickens lambasts both aristocratic tyranny and revolutionary excess--the latter memorably caricatured in Madame Defarge, who knits beside the guillotine.
3. ***Pride and Prejudice****—*by Jane Austen **ISBN-13: 9781593082017**
   * + - When Elizabeth Bennet first meets eligible bachelor Fitzwilliam Darcy, she thinks him arrogant and conceited; he is indifferent to her good looks and lively mind. When she later discovers that Darcy has involved himself in the troubled relationship between his friend Bingley and her beloved sister Jane, she is determined to dislike him more than ever. This sparkling comedy of manners evokes the friendships, gossip and snobberies of provincial middle-class life.
4. ***A Raisin in the Sun—*** by Lorraine Hansberry  **ISBN-13: 9780679755333**
   * + - Hansberry's award-winning drama about the hopes and aspirations of a struggling, working-class family living on the South Side of Chicago connected profoundly with the psyche of black America—and changed American theater forever.
5. **Packet of Christina Rossetti’s Selected Poems** *- (hard copy has been distributed and it can be found on Mr. Prettyman’s WEEBLY page and Schoolnotes under FILES)*
   * + - Christina Rossetti is widely regarded as the most considerable woman poet in England before the twentieth century. No reading of nineteenth century poetry can be complete without attention to this prolific and popular poet. Rossetti’s poems have a freshness and toughness of thought. Her inner life dominates her poetry, exploring loss and unattainable hope.

**ASSIGNMENTS**: The essay assignments will be posted on Mr. Prettyman’s Weebly page in early June and will be distributed to cadets before the end of the year. Cadets will also be quizzed on ***Great Expectations***, ***A Tale of Two Cities***, ***Pride and Prejudice***, and ***A Raisin in the Sun*** during the first two weeks of school. Failure to turn in completed assignments on the first day of your English class will result in removal from the AP course and enrollment in Honors.

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