



Sanger High School

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Dear AP English Literature Student:

Welcome to Advanced Placement English Literature for the **2017-2018** school year. Next year we will be reading several selections of literary merit that are both challenging and provocative.

My philosophy of education emphasizes the discussion of literature. One cannot write about literature unless one can talk about what is read. Consequently, we will devote most of our class time to discussing the literature. **From the reading and speaking will come the thinking. From the reading, discussing, and thinking will come the writing.**

Because I do want us to get a head start on our reading and writing, I am assigning a novel as your summer assignment. The novel I have selected for you is short but purposeful. It is a novel with numerous symbols and a focused theme that explores **responsibility vs. desire**.

The novel you are to read this summer is ***Ethan Frome*** by **Edith Wharton**. The novel is unique because of its framed story style. You will want to keep track of the characters and details provided in the story. As you read this summer you will be responsible for **completing an assignment regarding the characters and events**. When we return in the fall, we will take a multiple-choice test and complete an essay regarding the novel. Again, these tasks will occur when we return to school, but the assignments will be helpful in preparing for these future activities.

I look forward to an exciting and meaningful year, and I wish you the best this summer as you begin your journey. **HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!**

Sincerely,

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