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Parents, Guardians and Students:

To meet the expectations of the Fairfax County Public Schools for encouraging intellectual growth and critical thinking skills, the Herndon High School English Department requires a summer reading assignment. This assignment, while generally required by Fairfax County, has been shaped by Herndon High to address the needs of our specific Program of Studies and these assignments take the place of the county list in fulfilling this requirement.

The summer reading list for all classes will be sent to area bookstores, including Crest, Barnes and Noble, Books-A-Million, and Borders. In addition, it will be available on the Herndon High School web site. If no written assignment is specified, students should bring the book with them on the first day of school in September. If a written assignment is required, it will be due on the first day as well.

We want students to take advantage of this opportunity to start the year successfully. We wish you an enjoyable and enriching summer.

Sincerely,

Janice Jewell, Chair
English Department

AP English Language
Summer Reading Assignment

Although AP English Language is a course in non-fiction prose, your summer reading assignment is a choice between two novels, both written in the middle of the twentieth century, both imagining the unknown world of the future.

They are

1984

George Orwell

Brave New World

Aldous Huxley

All you have to do by the beginning of school is read the book. You should probably have your own copy so you can write in it and have it in class if your teacher requests it. Early in the fall, your AP Language teacher will offer you a writing assignment on the book.