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Dear AP Literature and Composition Student:

To enhance your good times this summer, and to kick off this course in which you have enrolled, you need to read *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen and complete the assignment included herein. This assignment will be due on the first day of the new school year in the fall. Note that this assigned text is in addition to two independent selections read on a more recreational basis. Feel free to email us at edminster.joel@ryeschools.org or klewicki.christen@ryeschools.org if you have questions.

Happy reading—and writing!

Sincerely,
Mr. Edminster
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Summer Assignment on *Pride and Prejudice*

In her classic 1813 novel, Jane Austen creates characters and situations to, in part, comment on the flaws of society and human nature during the time period and among the classes of individuals represented in the novel. She certainly writes to entertain and to reveal positive themes as well! While reading the novel, note passages when a flaw in society or human nature is revealed through a character's statements and/or actions, or through how other characters interact with your selected individual. Focus on one character; choose from the list of possible characters below.

Written Task: Type an essay of at least 600 words (approximately 2-3 double-spaced pages) to analyze how your selected character reveals a flaw in society or human nature. Make sure to reflect on the severity or significance of the flaw, and on whether or not the flaw is overcome or if it leads to positive character development—or if it leads to a character's ruin or disgrace. Your response should be polished, focused, thoughtful, multi-paragraph, mechanically flawless, and reveal your interaction with the novel. It should adhere to MLA formatting. Include a minimum of two integrated quotations from the novel as evidence to support your claims about the text. Be prepared to discuss your character and your responses in class in September. You will also be submitting your work to turnitin.com; do not consult any outside sources.

***Select a character from the list as indicated below according to the first letter of your last name.**

A-K

Elizabeth Bennet

Mr. Collins

Lady Catherine De Bourgh

Lydia Bennet

Charles Bingley

L-Z

Fitzwilliam Darcy

Mr. Bennet

Mrs. Bennet

Jane Bennet

Charlotte Lucas