DeBakey High School Summer Reading List
11th Grade and AP Language

Dear Parents,

Your student has received the Summer Reading List identifying the reading required **before** entering the English class for this 2019-2020 school year. The purpose of summer reading is to: encourage reading, set expectations for English classrooms, assess reading and writing skills, and expose students to literature found on the AP exams. We are confident that this reading program will enrich our exemplary school curriculum as well as our students for future academic challenges; however, please be advised that some selections contain adult language, themes, and situations. Encourage your student to begin reading **now.** Please read the instructions and the list before the end of this school year. During the **first two weeks** of school, students will be formally tested on their comprehension of these well-known works.

The testing process is rigorous and includes characters and motivation, plot, themes, quotations, application of literary terms and close reading skills. The exam(s) constitute **20% of your child's cycle 1 grade.** In order to assist your child to gain a better understanding of each book, we are asking that the students annotate their summer reading book(s). The instructions on how to annotate the book(s) is below, but if your child needs a hard copy of the material, please ask him or her to see his or her current English teacher. Hard copies will available in the Main Office during the summer.

11th Grade: **English III:** *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* (Angelou) - Memoir
AP Lang. and Comp.: *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* (Angelou)- Memoir and
Bless Me, Ultima (Anaya)- Novel
***See attached handout on how to annotate a text**

In addition, before classes resume in the fall, all 11th grade students will need to purchase from Prestwick House <u>Vocabulary Power Plus for College and Career Readiness- Level 11</u> (yellow book, ISBN: 9781620191446). Cost: 9.99 (plus tax and shipping). https://www.prestwickhouse.com

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Please return this portion signed as an indication that you have received and read the 2019-2020 summer reading list and requirements. Your student should return this signed portion no later than May 24, 2019. Thank You.

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(**PRINT** student name) (Student signature)

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(Parent signature) (Date)