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IB World School

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Dear Incoming 10A Student:

Welcome to Accelerated English 10 (10A). Pueblo West High School is proud to offer rigorous coursework and a focused atmosphere for our students; our accelerated classes uphold demanding standards. Please be advised that 10A is designed for students who not only love to read and write, **but also those who actively seek a challenge, value academic rigor, and demonstrate a mature work ethic.** At PWHS, English 10A is a precursor to International Baccalaureate (IB) and Advanced Placement (AP) classes. As such, the coursework for 10A will be challenging and fast-paced. Students are expected to be prepared with completed assignments, materials, and a positive attitude about class everyday.

As part of our coursework this year, you must complete a summer reading assignment and complete several assignments. Your summer reading novel is *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe. Copies are available for checkout in my room, B223. **Please take notes on your reading so that you do not forget what you have read!** In addition to the reading, you are responsible for completing written vocabulary work.

Assignments Recap:

- Read Things Fall Apart & take notes on what you read
- Complete the written vocabulary assignment
- Study your vocabulary words

All summer work is due on the first day of classes.

If you have any questions about English 10A, please contact me at anytime at jwoelfel@district70.org. I look forward to working with you next year. Thank you.

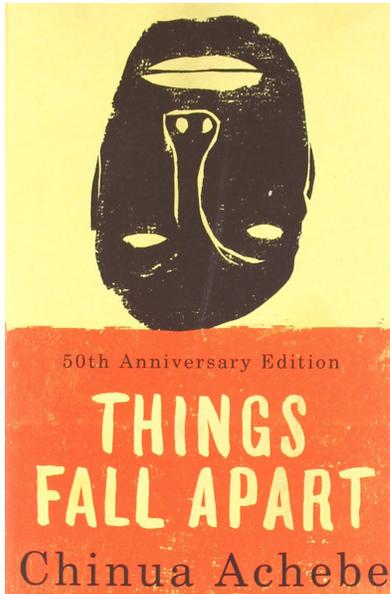
Sincerely,

Johanna M. Woelfel

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IB English: Literature A (HL), Accelerated English 10
Sponsor, *Eye of the Storm* Literary Journal
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Summer Reading Assignment

Achebe, Chinua. *Things Fall Apart*. New York: Anchor Books, 1994.



Please read the entire novel and take notes on each chapter and major character. Notes will not be collected, but they should help you recall what you have read. *Please note:* Simply copying notes from SparkNotes or Schmoop is unlikely to help you succeed on the exam covering the novel you will take when you begin the school year!

If you would like to check out a copy of the novel, please see Ms. Woelfel in room B224.

Vocabulary Assignment

Written Assignment: For each word listed below, please identify part of speech, define the word, and offer a sentence with context clues. For example:

Entrails (noun) – Internal organs, innards. “The oracle split open the animal and examined the entrails for positive signs.”

- Please be sure that your sentences include context clues.
- Please define any words in that you do not understand (i.e. innards = guts).
- As with everything you do for 10A, please make sure your work is your own.
- **ALL VOCABULARY WORK MUST BE HANDWRITTEN**

Scoring Criteria	Exemplary	Proficient	Emerging
Words & Definitions	All words are present and definitions are clear and complete. Context clues are present and helpful, and additional definitions are presented. Work goes above and beyond basic requirements.	All words are present, definitions are complete, context clues are present, and additional definitions are presented when needed with some exceptions.	All words may not be covered, definitions may be incomplete, context clues may be absent, and additional definitions are not present.
Presentation	Student follows all directions for completion without error.	Student follows general directions for completion.	Student fails to follow all directions for completion

For help: If you have access to the internet, please visit vocabulary.com or Quizlet.com to review the words.

Word List:

Entrails	Resolve	Improvident
Callow	Converge	Foolhardy
Lamentation	Complacent	Pandemonium
Esoteric	Perpetual	Harbinger
Expedient	Insidious	Sparse
Palaver	Excursion	Malevolent
Sacrilege	Objectively	Agitate
Superfluous	Subjectively	Smolder
Pacification	Incriminate	Enthrall
Perfunctory	Convolutd	Specious
Misogyny	Incessant	Subside
Patriarchy	Intuitive	Communal
Colonialism	Disperse	Elude
Imperialism	Teeming	Atone
Contempt	Oracle	Ultimatum