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Dear Sophomore Honors English Student:

Welcome to Honors English at Bingham High School! We are excited to work with you throughout this challenging and exciting course. It is essential that you spend the summer reviewing and preparing for the challenge ahead of you. Don't be intimidated by the work; it is easily manageable if you begin immediately and break it into sections.

### **Summer Literature Study**

- 1. Read Pearl S. Buck's *The Good Earth*.** Please plan early to secure a copy of this book as it will probably be unavailable in the county libraries as the summer progresses. If you cannot find a copy on your own, you may check out a copy from the school by visiting Bingham's main office, but again, plan ahead.

**Collect textual evidence to support three major themes from the novel including direct quotes and paraphrased statements.** Make sure to include page numbers. These pieces of evidence will be used to develop literary analysis paragraphs. You must have at least **10 quotes per theme**.

**Collect evidence for the following three themes:**

- Man's relationship with the land
- Wealth's effect on family and traditional values
- The oppression of women in the Chinese culture

Be prepared to turn these in on the first day of class. You will use your collected evidence to create strong literary analysis paragraphs when school resumes in the fall.

### **2. Literary Elements**

The final component of your homework consists of an extensive list of literary elements, their definitions, and examples. Work throughout the summer in studying these terms—in this case especially, procrastination will render the task nearly impossible. You will be held accountable for the definitions of these terms. It is important to memorize; however, if you focus on thoroughly understanding the examples, then the memorization will come more easily.

We look forward to seeing you for a great year!

Sincerely,

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