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Dear Parents/Guardians of Incoming Freshmen:

The English Department would like to take this opportunity to welcome your child to Moore Catholic High School. Please find the summer reading list for the incoming freshmen class on the back of this page. Students of English 9 are required to read two out of the three works, while students of English 9 PSA are required to read all three books listed. There will also be assignments that PSA students must complete, which will be submitted on their first full day of classes.

Please note that there will be an exam during the first week of school based on the works you are required to read.

In the past it has been our experience that many freshmen do not realize the importance of summer reading. The exam will be difficult to pass without thoroughly reading the assigned works. The grade they receive on the exam and paper will be factored into their first quarter English average.

Have a happy and healthy summer and see you in September.

Sincerely,
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English Department Coordinator

MOORE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
ENGLISH DEPARTMENT SUMMER READING
FRESHMEN 2018-2019

INCOMING FRESHMEN

All students taking English 9 are ***required*** to read:

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time – Mark Haddon

and choose **one** of the following works. Be prepared to be tested on both readings:

The Fault in Our Stars – John Green

The Age of Miracles – Karen Thompson Walker

INCOMING FRESHMEN (PSA Students)

Students are ***required*** to read **all** of the following:

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings – Maya Angelou

The Road – Cormac McCarthy

We Were Liars – E. Lockhart

Be prepared to be tested on all of your works. You are required to do two of the following tasks:

- 1) Why do you think Cormac McCarthy has chosen not to give his characters names? How do the generic labels of “the man” and “the boy” affect the way in which readers relate to them?
- 2) In *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, the author overcomes many obstacles. Choose two, and for each, discuss how the author overcomes them.
- 3) The five sections of *We Were Liars* are entitled “Welcome”, “Vermont”, “Summer Seventeen”, “Look a Fire”, and “Truth”. Why does Lockhart choose to divide the book in this way?

Answer each of the above tasks in separate, five paragraph essays, typed, double spaced, Times New Roman, 12 font.