

May 29, 2018

Dear Future Honors English 10 Students,

I look forward to the start of your sophomore year and plan to have an exciting year together. This summer, you are required to read **one novel** and **ten shorter texts** (short stories, poems, articles) as preparation for your Honors English 10 class. You are expected to complete all of the reading before the first day of school.

The required novel is *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. This book can be purchased at most bookstores. It is strongly suggested that you **own** a copy of the book so that you can highlight, underline, and write notes in it. However, books can also be borrowed from the public library or our English department. Please see me by Friday, June 1 at 9:30 a.m. if you need a book. You may choose to write chapter summaries to help you recall what you read. During the first few weeks of school, you will be required to engage in group discussions and projects, multiple choice/short answer tests, and essay questions based on this book. Because of this, I recommend that you wait until the last few weeks of the summer to read this book!

The rest of the required reading (short stories, poems, and articles) will be posted in Google Classroom (see code below). You will have the option of printing the shorter texts or reading them online. The assignment for these shorter texts will also be posted in Google Classroom. If you have questions about the required reading or the assignment, please feel free to contact me via email, Remind, or Google Classroom throughout the summer.

While you are expected to read everything before you return to school in August, I highly suggest that **you just ENJOY the month of June**. You can then start with the shorter texts in July, and end the summer by reading *The Hound of the Baskervilles*—right before we start school—so it will be fresh in your mind.

Once you and your parents have read this letter, please have your parents email me at [prockich@barbertonschools.org](mailto:prockich@barbertonschools.org). They can simply write, "I am \_\_\_\_\_'s parent and I am aware of his/her summer requirements for Honors 10." Please have them email by Friday, June 1, 2018. Then, you should sign up for Remind 101 and join our team's Google Classroom (see below).

Looking forward to a great year!

Mrs. Rockich  
[prockich@barbertonschools.org](mailto:prockich@barbertonschools.org)

Team Purple 10 Google Classroom: "Class of 2021" class code: **smw8x3p**

Remind 101 Directions are on the back of this letter

My Website: <https://sites.google.com/a/barbertonschools.org/mrs-rockich-barberton-high-school/>  
Click on "Class of 2021" this summer for information specific to you.