Foster High School English Department Required Summer Reading Assignment

As an AP English student at Foster High School, you will be expected to read the following selection(s) before the first day of school 2019-2020.

English III AP Language

*The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald  
*The Crucible* by Arthur Miller  
(Any publisher of the novel is fine.)

AP English classes are both demanding and intellectually stimulating. They require your best effort consistently and emphasize your developing independence of thought and mature habits of critical thinking. Classroom discussion and active participation are vital means of testing your ideas. Written assignments, both short-term and long-term, will be an important and frequent feature of the course.

During the second week of the first six weeks of school, expect a project, comprehension test and/or an analysis test over your required book(s) that will cover literary and rhetorical devices and aspects such as characters, plot, and conflict. Regardless of level, in order for you, the learner, to be successful, you must be an active reader who is able to fully comprehend/understand all aspects of the text. Listing the characters and writing a brief description of each one will keep you involved with the book and also help you to remember what you are reading. Another good idea is listing the events of the plot and dividing them into exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution. Keeping a record of the core literary aspects of each novel that you read is also highly recommended. You should record such things as examples of the author’s use of literary elements, figures of speech, sound devices, and literary techniques. At the very least, you must fully comprehend/understand characterization, theme, symbolism, and setting found in the book(s). Success on the project, comprehension test, and/or analysis test will demonstrate your commitment to excellence, which is important for Pre-AP students at all grade levels.

I have read Foster High School’s English Department requirements for summer reading assignment(s) and agree to closely and actively read the required novel(s). I understand that failure to closely and actively read the book(s) may result in diminished success on the evaluations during the first six weeks of school. I have received an additional copy of this form to take home to my parents/guardians for their review.

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Student Signature              Student Printed Name              Date

New transfer Yes / No (circle one)

If yes, date registered _____________________________