AP Language and Composition (11th) Summer 2018 Mrs. Kim Yeyna (kyeyna@rusd.k12.ca.us)

"The understanding of art depends finally upon one's willingness to extend one's humanity and one's knowledge of human life" (*Ralph Ellison*).

The Advanced Placement (AP) course offered at the junior level is comprised of an intensive study of language and composition. It is designed to challenge college-bound students, who have demonstrated verbal proficiency and critical thinking skills, to reach their highest potential. A student may receive college credit in English when he or she enters college if a score of 3, 4, or 5 is earned on the AP examination in English Language and Composition (The Collegeboard AP English Course Description). This course will culminate in all students taking the AP examination in May.

This course is designed to prepare you for success in college. So, in order to hone in on your skills over the summer, please journey into the recommended summer assignment below.

Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison: As you prepare to enter AP Language and Composition in August, a wonderful idea is for you to read our first novel to give yourself a head start on the curriculum. You will be reading the entire novel as homework over the first three to four weeks of school. Students will be expected to be able to fully participate in all activities that focus on *Invisible Man* beginning the **fourth** week of school. It is not necessary to annotate the novel, but you can question the material and/or utilize post-it notes to highlight sections of specific interest within the novel if you wish.

I look forward to working with each of you this coming year. Enjoy your summer and this wonderful novel. If you choose not to read *Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison this summer, I sincerely hope you take time to simply read for enjoyment.

Best wishes,

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