

# AP Language Summer 2007 Reading Assignment

## Texts:

- *1984* by George Orwell
- *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley
- *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro
- *Fast Food Nation* by Eric Schlosser

\*\*Previous generations of students have enjoyed these books, and I hope that you will also. These books may speak to our times . . . even the two written fifty or more years ago. They will make for engaging discussion.

## Accountability Check

We will have a test over these books during the first week of the semester. The test will show two quotations from each book. You will be asked to select one of the quotations and to write a paragraph or two to explain how the quote demonstrates a key idea that is developed in the book.

## Summer Writing (optional but recommended!)

The summer reading books offer the authors' visions of where modern society may be or may go.

A position paper is an opinion essay in which the writer asserts her/his position on an issue and defends it with appropriate evidence.

Write a position paper to answer "Which book's vision best reflects the real threats to our society?" Use evidence from the books as well as your observations about current events to defend your answer.

Please document any evidence by identifying the author and page number in parentheses after your quote or paraphrase. For current event information, be as precise as you can (it'll help later!) to identify where you found the information.

Please show your thoughtful discussion on the validity of the books' ideas.

**Due:** the first day of your AP Language class (fall or spring semester)

## Benefits of the Essay:

- earns you up to 20 points to be added to a future essay grade
- serves as the basis for a research project that you will complete in the first two weeks of the semester
- provides you with feedback on your writing before the first graded paper ☺

**Questions?** See Ms. Cassell in room 321 before school is out, or email her at [ccassell@csdecatur.net](mailto:ccassell@csdecatur.net). I will be available after July 1.