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Dear 2010-2011 English AP III Students,

While we will be working very hard this year in AP English Language and Composition, I anticipate that it will be a great year! This course will include several major works in both fiction and non-fiction from varied sources. You will need to read ***The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald over the summer**. Barnes and Noble in Cedar Hill has been advised of our summer reading, so you should be able to find a copy of the book at that particular bookstore. There are several writing assignments that are based on *The Great Gatsby*. Keep in mind that ALL writing assignments are required to be typed using MLA format. Writing assignments will NOT be accepted in any other format. The summer **writing assignments** will be **due at the beginning of the second week of school**; however, be prepared for a **test and discussion** over the novel **the first week of school**.

I look forward to meeting each of you and seeing the fantastic work you've done over the summer!

Sincerely,

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**Summer Writing Assignments**  
(ALL assignments MUST be typed using MLA format)

**Part I: The American Dream** – The realization of the “American Dream” is one of the main themes in *The Great Gatsby*. For each of the following characters identify four (4) passages or quotations citing the page number for each that give an indication of the character’s concept of the “American Dream”:

- Nick Carraway
- Jay Gatsby
- Daisy Buchanan
- Tom Buchanan
- George Wilson
- Myrtle Wilson
- Jordan Baker

**Part II: Essay** – Write an essay (2 ½ to 3 TYPED pages) **providing** a definition of the American Dream. **Explain** what you consider to be today’s most common goals set by our society. **Compare** these contemporary goals to the ones held by the characters of Jay Gatsby and Nick Carraway. **Incorporate** at least **four (4) of the quotes** you listed for these two characters in the previous exercise as evidence of their views. Make sure you parenthetically document each quotation.

**Part III: Rhetorical Devices** – Find four (4) examples of the following rhetorical devices in the novel *The Great Gatsby*. Quote the passage and provide the chapter, along with the page number, for each example.

1. hyperbole
2. irony
3. euphemism
4. understatement
5. allusion
6. metaphor
7. repetition
8. symbolism
9. imagery
10. rhetorical questioning