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Dear Students,

I, the teacher of Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition, am looking forward to seeing you when the 2024-2025 school year begins. I am excited about guiding you through this Advanced Placement curriculum.

In order to bridge the way from your eleventh-grade English class to AP English Literature, you **MUST** read these works: *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini, *Beowulf* in the translation by Burton Raffel, and the following selections from *The Canterbury Tales* by Geoffrey Chaucer in the modern translation by Nevill Coghill.

“The Prologue”

“The Pardoner’s Tale”

“The Wife of Bath’s Tale”

All of these selections are available online. You will be tested on these the **first week of school**. You will be required to complete a Major Works Data Sheet on *The Kite Runner*. There is a template for the data sheet attached on the Nova website.

To avoid any unpleasant surprises, be prepared for a lot of reading. In addition to the summer requirements, you will be reading, at least, 6 novels and plays this year as well as many short stories and poems. You will also write many, many timed essays. This is a college-level course, so expect rigor.

Finally, there is an assignment on the back of this letter. You are to create **your own, original (no copying)**, tone word study guide that you will use throughout the year. This is due **the first day** we meet.

I hope you have an enjoyable summer, and I will see you in August.

Sincerely,

Ms. Paulison

Below is a list of some of the tone words that have been used on the AP exam. You are to **write a definition for each word** and then **write an original sentence that demonstrates that tone**. The example you use cannot contain the word. This must be **typed** and **turned in on the first day of class**. You must do your own work. The first one has been done for you as an example. **Number your entries.**

1. Admiring – regarding with approval, respect, or satisfaction

Example: “That is a great-looking suit you are wearing,” Fred said to Ed.

Agitated	Disgusted	Neutral
Angry	Dramatic	Nostalgic
Annoyed	Ecstatic	Objective
Apathetic	Effusive	Passive
Apologetic	Elegiac	Patronizing
Apprehensive	Facetious	Pedantic
Authoritative	Factual	Persuasive
Bantering	Fanciful	Petty
Benevolent	Flippant	Pretentious
Biting	Haughty	Respectful
Bitter	Hopeful	Restrained
Brash	Humble	Romantic
Candid	Impartial	Sarcastic
Cheery	Incisive	Sardonic
Clinical	Indignant	Satiric
Colloquial	Inflammatory	Scholarly
Compassionate	Informative	Scornful
Complimentary	Inquisitive	Sentimental
Concerned	Insipid	Snooty
Condescending	Insolent	Solemn
Confident	Instructive	Somber
Consoling	Ironic	Soothing
Contemptuous	Irreverent	Sympathetic
Contentious	Learned	Taunting
Contradictory	Lighthearted	Threatening
Cynical	Lugubrious	Turgid
Dejected	Manipulative	Urbane
Desperate	Melancholic	Urgent
Detached	Miserable	Vibrant
Determined	Mock-serious	Whimsical
Didactic	Mocking	Wistful
Diffident	Moralistic	Worshipful
Disdainful	Mournful	