



J. J. PEARCE HIGH SCHOOL

Richardson Independent School District

May 18, 2007

Dear Pre- AP English II Student,

Welcome back to Pearce High School! We look forward to meeting you. We thought you might like some information about next year's English class. The following is RISD's course description:

Students enrolled in English II continue to increase and refine their communication skills. Students are expected to plan, draft, and complete written compositions on a regular basis. Students edit their papers for clarity, engaging language, and the correct use of the conventions and mechanics of written English and produce final, error-free drafts. In English II, students practice all forms of writing. An emphasis is placed on textually supported personal opinion, research writing, and personal forms of writing. These personal forms of writing may include a response to literature, a reflective essay, or an autobiographical narrative. English II students read extensively in multiple genres from world literature such as reading selected stories, dramas, novels, and poetry originally written in English or translated to English from the Oriental, classical Greek, European, African, South American, and North American cultures. Students learn literary forms and terms associated with selections being read. Students interpret the possible influences of the historical context on a literary work.

To begin your study of world literature, you have a two-fold assignment over the summer:

1. Select and read a book from the TAYSHAS list. We will begin working with your self-chosen title the first day of school, August 27, 2007.
2. Have **Cold Sassy Tree** by Olive Ann Burns read by Tuesday, September 4, 2007.

Happy reading! See you August 27th!

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