

## **2008 – 2009 Summer Reading Assignment AP and LEAP English 4 – Marcus High School**

Congratulations! You have made a choice to challenge yourself in your last year of high school. That speaks volumes about your maturity and academic focus. You will be rewarded for this choice because your willingness to work hard in a rigorous, college-level course will prepare you for future academic challenges. Your summer reading assignment is your first step.

This summer, you will read two classics:

1. *Frankenstein*, by Mary Shelley, a 19<sup>th</sup> century gothic novel
2. One of the following twentieth-century novels:
  - *The Remains of the Day*, by Kazuo Ishiguro, a story about an English butler's memories of working in Darlington Hall during World War II
  - *Brave New World*, by Aldous Huxley, a dystopian novel about the effects of technology and government on a futuristic society
    - *This novel's content is for mature readers.*
  - *Cry, the Beloved Country*, by Alan Paton, a novel about South Africans living under European law

You should annotate both selections. (That means that you will take notes over them in the way that supports your own study habits.) You should pay attention to all characteristics of fiction: plot, setting, characters (major and minor), conflicts, archetypes, symbols, structure, themes, and any other features you wish to note. Quotable quotes can also be helpful. Any handwritten notes or notes taken in your book may be used during any testing or timed writing we may have. Notes will also help you study for the AP test. Therefore, annotating is essential for overall success.

Please bring your novels and notes the first day of English class and be prepared to begin work.

If you have any questions, see Ms. Kemper in room W102 or email her at [kemperla@lisd.net](mailto:kemperla@lisd.net). Have a good summer and enjoy reading! We look forward to seeing you next year as the new senior class of 2009!