Dear Students:

ALL incoming 10th grade ELA students are required to read the following novel over the summer. Evaluation of your reading will take place the first week of the course.

Ernest J. Gaines: A Lesson Before Dying

Grant Wiggins has been teaching on a plantation outside Bayonne, Louisiana, for several years when a slow-witted man named Jefferson is convicted of murder and sentenced to death. Jefferson claims he is innocent of the crime.

Submission Deadline

- You will submit your summer assignment the first week of school.
- This assignment will count as a grade for the 1st six weeks.

You can find this book at places like:

1. Borders
2. Barnes & Noble
3. Amazon.com
4. Half Price Books
5. Local Library
Summer Reading Assignment

1. **Dialectical Journals - YOU MUST WRITE 20 ENTRIES.** Dialectical journals are journals in which the reader records a mental conversation with the text. *(SEE ATTACHED EXAMPLE)*

You can use these journals to:

- Summarize and question
- Pose questions
- Read closely for details, images, diction, etc.
- Notice patterns
- Write analysis and make connections
- Connect method to purpose, effect, and meaning
- Make choices about evidence
- Document quotes
- Make inferences about characters, symbols, etc.

**WARNING: Do not wait until the last minute. This reading is for your own good. We expect you to do your own work. Plagiarism will result in an automatic “0”***.

Have a safe summer,

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