Welcome to Pre-Ap English I! I am so excited to meet each of you and dive into the world of literature together. To prepare for the beginning of the school year, please follow the directions below; this will help ensure your success in Pre-Ap English I this coming school year.

**Selection:** The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

**Assignment:**

Part 1: Read the assigned novel in its entirety.

Part 2: While reading, identify the characters in the novel and provide a description of each character based on what you learn about them.

Part 3: Observe how the novel explores non-traditional or unusual relationships. The characters are brought together by hardship and chance, and they gradually develop strong bonds of attachment. Identify pages and paragraphs that show these relationships; keep notes on the relationships between characters.

Part 4: The narrator, Death, sees the world, people, and events in colors. Keep a list as you read of the colors in the story and how they were used. Document the pages and paragraphs where you find these.

There **WILL BE** a test on the novel within the first two weeks of school; be prepared to discuss and analyze the text. Note-taking and/or annotating as you read and reflect on the text is required. **You can use sticky notes if you have a borrowed or library copy.**

Due Date: This reading assignment is to be completed by the first day of class.

If you have questions over the summer, please email me:

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