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Dear 12th grade AP students,

We so excited to teach you this fall! To prepare for an exciting and productive school year in English, over the summer, each of you will be required to read **two books**. When we return in the fall, there will be a unit, test, and a writing assignment over the novels. Notes are recommended, but not required, to prepare for these assessments.

You will be **required to read both of these books**: *Fathers and Sons* by Ivan Turgenev and *Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoyevsky.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email JB Doze (jdoze@denverjds.org)! Have a wonderful summer!

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Fathers and Sons: Ivan Turgenev

Bazarov—a gifted, impatient, and caustic young man—has journeyed from school to the home of his friend Arkady Kirsanov. But soon Bazarov's outspoken rejection of authority and social conventions touches off quarrels, misunderstandings, and romantic entanglements that will utterly transform the Kirsanov household and reflect the changes taking place all across nineteenth-century Russia.

Crime and Punishment: Fyodor Dostoyevsky

Raskolnikov, an impoverished student living in the St. Petersburg of the tsars, is determined to overreach his humanity and assert his untrammelled individual will. When he commits an act of murder and theft, he sets into motion a story that, for its excruciating suspense, its atmospheric vividness, and its depth of characterization and vision is almost unequaled in the literatures of the world. The best known of Dostoevsky's masterpieces, *Crime and Punishment* can bear any amount of rereading without losing a drop of its power over our imaginations. Dostoevsky's drama of sin, guilt, and redemption transforms the sordid story of an old woman's murder into the nineteenth century's profoundest and most compelling philosophical novel. Award-winning translators Richard Pevear and Larissa Volokhonsky render this elusive and wildly innovative novel with an energy, suppleness, and range of voice that do full justice to the genius of its creator.