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AP Literature and Composition
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Summer Assignment

Hello AP Literature and Composition students!

We've got a long year ahead of us chocked full of great literature and I can't wait to get started with you! This summer, please read Margaret Atwood's *Oryx and Crake** and H.G. Wells's *The Island of Doctor Moreau*. When you've done that, tackle the writing assignment I've included below. Be aware: This is a **required assignment**. Students who don't turn in this assignment within the first two weeks of school this fall will be asked to move to American Literature 11.

I look forward to meeting you all! If you have any questions, you can reach me throughout the summer at jzencka@mphschool.org.

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1. Write a 350-500 word Yelp-style review¹ of Dr. Moreau's island from the perspective of Edward Prendick. You are encouraged to make use of excerpts from Wells's text, and have free rein to be funny, irreverent, brilliant, deadpan, or anything else as you see fit.
2. Write a 900-1200 word essay on *Oryx and Crake* answering the following question: Should Jimmy be considered a heroic character? Defend your answer using Atwood's text and your own original analysis. Adhere to MLA citation and formatting guidelines.²

**Oryx and Crake*, a work of speculative fiction, depicts a dystopic future with some graphic language and references to sexual violence and a genetically engineered disease.

¹<https://www.yelp.com/biz/wegmans-fayetteville-2?osq=wegman%27s>

²https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_formatting_and_style_guide.html