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10th Grade Global Literature II Summer Assignment 2013-2014

As part of Eleanor Roosevelt High School's 10th grade, you will be spending the year looking at the interaction between culture, the individual, and society, the balance between freedom and responsibility, and the conflict between reason and faith. This will be done through literature, history, science, math, foreign language, and the arts. The first step of that exploration will take place this summer as you read the following two books: ***Candide* by Voltaire and *Girl with a Pearl Earring* by Tracey Chevalier.**

As you read, pay attention to how the main characters change over time and what causes them to change. Also, look for ways in which the characters rebel or adapt to their surroundings, according to the societal values or norms imposed on them.

Take notes either on post-its, or annotate directly in the books. While you read, use the numerous reading strategies you have been taught this year to identify powerful lines, literary elements, writing techniques, and to make connections between the two texts. **DO NOT VISIT SPARKNOTES OR OTHER SOURCES AS A SHORT CUT.** We want to hear your original thoughts on the books, not someone else's. Maintain your academic integrity!

Upon arrival to the 10th grade, **you will show the post-its or notations in your novels to your English teacher.** *If you borrow books from the library and you have to return them before the first day of school, put all of your post-its in chronological order on pieces of paper (be sure to signify page numbers).* These notations will be used during the first few days of school. These notes, along with the class work completed in the first few days of school, will help you devise an outline for a Characterization Comparison Essay. This **in-class essay exam** will be your first form of assessment for the year, so prepare purposefully as you are reading.

Have a healthy, happy, relaxing summer. Enjoy your reading and don't hesitate to read additional books this summer—the more the better!