

Memorandum of Understanding: Summer Work and A.I. Policy

- I acknowledge that I am responsible for completing the three summer tasks to be assigned for A.P. English Language and Composition by their respective June, July, and August deadlines, or for arranging a special deadline with Mr. Runyon, in advance of travel, for any task with whose timely completion my summer plans may interfere.
- I acknowledge that if I do not submit all summer assignments, creditably done, on deadline—or in accordance with a special arrangement made with Mr. Runyon, if such be needed—I will not be eligible to enter A.P. English Language and Composition for school year 2026–2027.
- I acknowledge that in this course, the use of artificial intelligence as an aid in reading or in writing, on any assignment, is forbidden and is a breach of our Honor Code.

NOTE that the use of a dictionary, for meanings of words, and the use of encyclopedic sections of a dictionary—such as "Foreign Words & Phrases," "Biographical Names," and "Geographical Names," typically found at the back of a good dictionary—are allowed. So is judicious use of an encyclopedia, such as the printed or online *Britannica* or Wikipedia. (Yes—I respect Wikipedia.) If Joseph Brodsky, in "Flight from Byzantium," mentions "the Sublime Porte," and you don't know what that is, go to an encyclopedia and learn about it! That's a necessary part of committed reading. What you may *not* do is read, or listen to, or watch, any *commentary on the text*—anything that describes or discusses an essay by Joseph Brodsky called "Flight from Byzantium." That includes spoken or written "help" from someone you know. The essay is what you're here to interpret. **Interpret on your own two feet**, or get out of town. Feeding a question from an assignment, or your own version of that question, to an A.I. is **cheating**. Putting a sentence or any larger passage from a text into an A.I. and asking it to describe a purpose or a tone or a meaning is **cheating**. Composing a sentence or a paragraph, or a whole piece, and then putting it into an A.I. and asking the A.I. to check it, correct it, evaluate it, clean it up, fix, repair, polish, improve, enhance, boost, dignify it, or help you in any other way you may care to name, is **cheating**.

This is a course in **skills**. You're here to try to learn an art in which the materials are ideas and observations and words and sentences and paragraph breaks and punctuation. It's difficult. Would you send a substitute to stand in for you at hockey or soccer or ski practice? Enroll in a cooking school, and order take-out dishes to turn in as your work?

Printed name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____