Dear Parents,

 The summer reading selection for English II and English II Honors is *In Order to Live* by Yeonmi Park. Her harrowing memoir details her escape from North Korea at the age of thirteen to her final resettlement in South Korea. This true story is one of resilience and courage, but it is not without heartbreak and difficulties along the way. Like many defectors, she and her mother were captured and sold by sex traffickers in China after escaping from North Korea. Readers should be aware that this portion of her story deals with these painful memories. Human trafficking is referenced in 6 out of 24 chapters in the book. While Park does not describe sexual acts in explicit detail, she also does not shy away from the sad reality of what happens to victims of human trafficking.

 This book was chosen as an inspiring example of modern-day nonfiction and for its universal theme of hope in the face of adversity. If you feel that your child is not ready to be exposed to some of the more mature aspects of the memoir, please let me know and an alternate book may be assigned. If you would like to talk with me about the specifics of the book before making this decision, please email me at mabney@hannanhigh.org. I am happy to offer guidance.

With Warm Regards,

Mrs. Abney