

# 2016-2017 Advanced Placement English III Summer Reading List

Dear Students and Parents/ Guardians:

Welcome to AP English Language otherwise known as AP English III. My name is Lucy Leyva and I'll be your teacher/ coach for AP English III. I say "coach" because this is a tough class and your skills in reading, writing, speaking, listening, and analysis will grow in such a way that you will have a command for thinking in the areas of argument, analysis, and close reading.

It is important that you spend some of the summer preparing for the fall. You should annotate texts and allot time to analyze the works and reflect on them prior to the due dates provided on the first day of class. Please review the attached list of works that will be covered in Advanced Placement English III. In an effort to prepare for the challenging pace, it is necessary that incoming students read the works designated SUMMER READING before returning to school in August. All titles may be checked out from our school library or you may choose to purchase the novels on your own.

## SUMMER READING and ACTIVITIES

NOVELS	TEDTalks Activity	SUMMER ACTIVITY, AP Practice	Big Book, The Language of Composition
<b>Pilgrim at Tinker Creek-Dillard</b> <b>READ THE ENTIRE NOVEL! TEST THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL!</b>	<b>Go to the Ted Talks website:</b> <a href="http://www.ted.com/">http://www.ted.com/</a> Choose a Ted Talk and write a 1 pg. argument for or against the author's premise.	<b>AP English Language Practice book. Take Practice Test 1, starts on P.79. Complete Multiple Choice Questions and all 3 essays. Due the first week of class.</b>	<b>Do a thorough summary of Ch. 1, (pgs. 1-35)</b> <b>You do not need to complete any activity EXCEPT the activity on pg. 27.</b>

## FURTHER COURSE READING

**Cold Mountain- Frazier**

**The Sound and the Fury—Faulkner \***

**Hunger for Memory—Rodriguez**

**The Song of Solomon—Morrison \***

**The Handmaid's Tale—Atwood \***

**The Great Gatsby- Fitzgerald**

**In Cold Blood—Capote**

(Additional works from the red anthologies will be assigned.)

\*Refer to the following "Notice to Parents" regarding these books.

### \*Notice to Parents

Your child is enrolled in an English class that will require significant reading of high quality literature. Typically, English teachers select the literature for study in their courses from the Recommended Reading list published by the California Department of Education. All books are selected by teachers because they support the curriculum standards, and in the case of Advanced Placement classes, they help to prepare students for the AP exam. The literature is taught as a whole work, not in edited or summary form. At times high quality literature includes themes and/or language that some parents find objectionable.

This notice is intended to inform you that some of the books on the reading list for your child's class may have been challenged by one or more parents or community members in the past. As required in Board policy, when a book is challenged, a committee reviews the novel and makes a recommendation to the Board of Education. When looking at your child's reading list, any book with an asterisk, (\*), by the title has been challenged, and the Board of Education has determined the book will remain on the reading list.

As a parent, you may review any book on the reading list to determine if you would like your child to either read the assigned novel or request an alternate. You may request to see the books in the classroom or library by scheduling time with the classroom teacher or librarian. You have the right to request that your child not be assigned to read a particular novel, but instead read a comparable alternate book. Please see your child's teacher if you would like further information or would like to request an alternate.

\*Extra! Download the free REMIND app to get up to the minute reminders all year long. All you need to do is to text @4c832b to 81010. This is NOT mandatory, just an easy way to stay current. You may also text Ms. Leyva through this app.

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