

**AP LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION  
REQUIRED SUMMER READING**

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OVERVIEW: Because AP Literature and Composition is a college-level class, students will be asked to complete college-level coursework. In preparation for the class, we are assigning specific mandatory work—it must be completed by the first day of class in August. Please note, however, that you may attend this summer's AP/HONORS SUMMER INSTITUTE as a way of fulfilling the summer reading requirement. You can sign up for the AP Summer Institute by visiting the ERHS website.

**Required Reading:**

Please select one of the following novels.

*1984*

*Anna Karenina*

*Beloved*

*Catch-22*

*Crime & Punishment*

*Cry the Beloved Country*

*East of Eden*

*Farewell to Arms*

*Frankenstein*

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

*Great Expectations*

*Invisible Man*

*Jane Eyre*

*King Lear*

*Light in August*

*Native Son*

*One Hundred Years of Solitude*

*Persuasion*

*Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*

*The Color Purple*

*The Poisonwood Bible*

The following two assignments must be completed by the first day of class of Semester One. Submit the assignment electronically to Canvas the first week of class.

1. Complete 25 dialectical journal entries. Analyze these 25 lines for diction, tone, figurative language, imagery, symbolism, and characterization (if appropriate). Please include the page numbers.
2. Complete an AP 1 Sheet.

Directions for the AP 1 Sheet can be found in the Language Arts section of the ERHS website, as well as [www.MustangEnglish.com](http://www.MustangEnglish.com). Directions are attached for your convenience.

**Suggested Reading to Prepare for the Upcoming Year**

We will be reading the following pieces of literature next year in AP Literature and Composition. You may want to read them during the summer when you can do so at your leisure. Also, you can read any books from the ERHS HONORS OUTSIDE READING LIST, any of which can be used on the Open-ended AP Essay Test. We will read much short literature and many poems, as well, in class. Pick up an anthology of each—or find them online—and enjoy reading this summer.

*Oedipus Rex*

*Hamlet*

*Death of a Salesman*

*Doll's House*

*Heart of Darkness*

*The Kite Runner*