

Advanced Placement English Language and Composition
Summer Reading Assignment
Henry County High School

Welcome to Advanced Placement English Language and Composition. This course will provide you with the intellectual challenges and workload consistent with a typical undergraduate university English Literature/Humanities course. Our course goals are to carefully read and critically analyze imaginative literature, to understand the way writers use language to provide meaning and pleasure, and to consider a work's structure, style, and themes as well as such smaller scale elements as the use of figurative language, imagery, symbolism, and tone.

In the AP Literature and Composition course, the student should consider obtaining a personal copy of the various novels, plays, epics, poems, and short fiction used in the course. You may purchase copies from a local new or used bookstore, or from an online book source.

Please note that summer reading assignments are due on the first day of school.

Assignment I: Novel

The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne

Quote It! Careful readers pay attention to the words! As you read, identify significant quotes and be prepared to discuss and explain your suggestions in class.

- ☐ Find a total of 15 significant quotes from the novel.
- ☐ Three quotes must exemplify theme, three quotes should reveal something important about the setting, three quotes should pinpoint conflict, three quotes should show characterization, and three quotes should be personally and uniquely meaningful to you.
- ☐ Copy each quote and place the page location in parentheses after the quote.
- ☐ Underneath each quote, write a reflection/explanation of how the quote relates to the topic. Your responses should be in complete sentences. Each reflection should be at least 3 -5 sentences.
- ☐ Present your quotes and explanation in a neat, **typed** document. Bring this on the 1st day of classes in August.

Turn Paper over!

Assignment II: Independent Play Study: *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller

All journal entries must be labeled and typed. Each entry must discuss the relationship between the personal examples you provide and examples provided in *The Crucible*. If you choose not to relate your journal to *The Crucible*, you will not be able to get full credit for your journal entry.

Choose one entry from each act. Write **one page** (in detail) for each entry.

Write about a time when . . .

ACT ONE:

- ❖ You thought you might be in trouble and you lied to avoid it.
- ❖ You were among a group of people who had trouble getting along. . . what were the underlying problems or motivations among them?
- ❖ Your emotions prevented you from making a good choice.
- ❖ You found yourself "in over your head" because of a bad choice you made.
- ❖ You made a good choice that played a role in the person you are today.

ACT TWO: Write about a time when . . .

- ❖ You or someone you know was judged unfairly.
- ❖ You asked to be forgiven for a wrong you'd done but weren't.
- ❖ Jealousy (your own or someone else's) caused a problem for you.
- ❖ Honesty (yours or someone else's) played a role in a conflict in your life.

ACT THREE: Write about a time when . . .

- ❖ You (or someone you observed) were on a "power trip."
- ❖ You were frustrated by the blatant lies someone was telling and everyone believed.
- ❖ You sacrificed a principle that is important to you for a person that is important to you.
- ❖ You (or someone you know) were asked to "name names" or implicate others in a problematic situation.

ACT FOUR: Write about a time when . . .

- ❖ You pretended to be something or someone you are not.
- ❖ You became totally disillusioned with someone or something that you believed in.
- ❖ You were afraid to admit you were wrong.

If ANY of your work is plagiarized, then you will receive a zero on the assignment, your parents and the administration will be notified, and you may be removed from this course. Remember—your honor, your integrity, and your character are your most valuable assets.

Enjoy your summer reading! The reading selections are interesting, and I believe that you will find them enjoyable. If you have any questions regarding your assignments or any other summer reading assignment, please feel free to email me at:

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