

Advanced Placement Language and Composition
Summer Reading Assignment
Stockbridge High School: 2019-2020

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Welcome to AP Language and Composition! The course is designed to challenge you with an accelerated and rigorous yet enjoyable curriculum that will help to refine your reading and writing skills. While the primary focus of AP Language and Composition is "the rhetorical analysis of nonfiction texts and the development of analytic and argumentative writing", we will also cover standards required for the American Literature and Composition segment of the course in preparation for the End of Course Milestone. We will briefly analyze the works of four authors and the rhetorical messages within their literary works.

A.) Read *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne.

B.) The Power of Words

The AP Language and Composition Course focuses on elevated, sophisticated words that enhance writing and bring it to life. Determine how particular words are given power. Select 5 words that are electrically and politically charged and analyze the power of these words in relationship to the themes in the novel. Utilize quotes and examples from the novel that define the power these words have within the story. and incorporate MLA format for all citations. Also explain how we use these powerful words in our society and why they are so potent. Reflect on the power of those words in a well-developed response (a minimum of two typed pages- 12 point font Times New Roman, Double Spaced)

C.) Listed below are three statements about literature. Support one of the following statements and explain how that statement proves true in regards to the novel using specific citations from each work (minimum of 1 page typed- 12 point font Times New Roman, Double Spaced) .Your response should reflect your thoughts, observations, and analysis of the assigned summer reading novel. For this assignment, research is discouraged. Your response must be original.

Statement One: "A story must be exceptional enough to justify its telling; it must have something more unusual to relate than the ordinary experience of every average man and woman" --- Thomas Hardy

Statement Two: "What lasts is what is written. We look to literature to find the essence of an age" --- Peter Brodie

Statement Three: "Thus all art is propaganda and ever must be, despite the wailing of the purists ... I do not care a damn for any art that is not used for propaganda" -- W.E.B. DuBois

D. Vocabulary Notebook

On loose-leaf notebook paper, list a minimum of 100 vocabulary words from the novel that are new or unfamiliar to you. Each vocabulary entry should include:

- a) the word
- b) its part of speech and definition
- c) a meaningful sentence in which the word appears
- d) the page number in parenthesis

***These vocabulary entries must be HANDWRITTEN in blue or black ink on loose-leaf notebook paper.**

EXAMPLE: Visage (n)- countenance, facial features
"He was small in stature, with a furrowed visage..." (56).

*Organize these words by chapter and label accordingly. Be as neat and graphic as possible. For instance, follow the example above for what to put on each line/Skip a line between each entry/Use multi-color highlighters to highlight the vocabulary word, etc...

This assignment will be collected on the first day of the semester. Late assignments will not be accepted.

*******SUPPLY LIST NEEDED FOR THE 1ST WEEK OF CLASS.*******

1.5-2 inch binder(solely for this class) with dividers

A supply of loose-leaf paper

A bound, college-ruled composition book ($9 \frac{3}{4} \times 7 \frac{1}{2}$ -usually marbled, NOT a spiral notebook, NOT a regular size one)

4 highlighters (different colors)

pens (blue, black)

Post-it notes

NOTE: Please purchase your own copy of the text. You may purchase it from bookstores or online stores such as Amazon.com. Personal copies of novels we read in class are **HIGHLY** recommended; you will find it extremely helpful to highlight texts and write marginal notes. Depending upon your course of study in college, these books will be useful to you later as well.

Happy Reading!

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