

SOUTH MECKLENBURG HIGH SCHOOL
SUMMER READING
Rising 12th grade AP Literature and Composition
2015-2016

All students read the two (2) following selections:

As I Lay Dying

William Faulkner

A Streetcar Named Desire

Tennessee Williams

All students read one (1) additional selection from the following list:

The Handmaid's Tale, Surfacing, The Blind Assassin

Margaret Atwood

Pride and Prejudice, Emma, Persuasion

Jane Austen

Invisible Man

Ralph Ellison

Jane Eyre

Charlotte Bronte

The Sound and the Fury, Light in August

William Faulkner

The God of Small Things

Arundhati Roy

Obasan

Joy Kogawa

All the Pretty Horses

Cormac McCarthy

Madame Bovary

Gustave Flaubert

Catch 22

Joseph Heller

Jude the Obscure, The Mayor of Casterbridge

Thomas Hardy

Annna Karenina

Leo Tolstoy

All the King's Men

Robert Penn Warren

The Color Purple

Alice Walker

Please note: In a 2009 government web cast, Secretary of Education Arne Duncan described summer learning loss as “devastating.” This is what researchers have often referred to as the “summer slide.” It is estimated that school summer breaks will cause the average student to lose up to one month of instruction, with disadvantaged students being disproportionately affected. Additionally, students in the United States have lost ground in reading ability compared with students around the world. The global reading test was administered in 2001 and again in 2006. Americans dropped further behind other countries, falling from the fourth highest scores in the world in 2001 to tenth place in 2006. Please encourage your child to read 4-5 books this summer.

