

## AP English Summer Reading Assignment

Students taking AP English Literature 12 should read **one** of the three texts listed, complete the assignment below, and have a working knowledge of both the 11<sup>th</sup> grade and 12<sup>th</sup> grade list of literary terms.

Students will:

- Choose a book from the list below. You will complete the journal assignment listed for your chosen novel. You will then complete the timed writing response within the first two weeks of the school year using your chosen novel and journal notes to respond to the prompt.
  - *Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison
  - *Catch-22* by Joseph Heller
  - *Atonement* by Ian McEwan
- Review and know the AP Vocabulary list provided. Students enrolled in AP English 12 should have a background in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade terms, as well as the 12<sup>th</sup> grade terms. It is expected that all AP English 12 students will know the entire list, regardless of the course completed in 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

### Journal Assignment

1. Journal **while** you read. It may be easiest to devote a composition notebook to the text so that you are not stapling together pages of notes to turn in. Your journals should include information regarding characters, plot, imagery, author choice, and author purpose.
  - a. Journals entries should not outline or summarize plot, but instead should show an analysis of the text.
  - b. Journal entries should cover no more than three chapters in an entry.
2. On a separate page, make a list containing the following information:
  - Author's name (last name, first name)
  - Title of the book, underlined or in italics
  - Place of publication and name of publisher
  - Most recent copyright date
3. Make a list of **five** quotes critical to the text. Provide the page number(s) for each passage. In at least one paragraph (5-7 sentences) explain the significance of the quote. Do not simply paraphrase the quote, but provide an insightful explanation as to why the quote is significant to the text. In this section, you should focus on specific word choice not simply plot pushers.
4. Make connections! List on a separate page at least **three** ways your chosen text connects to the current world in a significant way, another academic or literary text you have read in high school, or something you have learned outside of English class in a different curriculum of study. Be sure to explain the significance of your connections.

### Timed Writing Response for the beginning of the school year:

During the first or second week of the new semester, you will be given a sample AP Exam prompt, which will be related to the summer reading. The test will give you a preview of the AP exam you will take in May and give your teacher a preview of your writing and close reading skills.

### Vocabulary Quiz

During the first week of the new semester, you will be quizzed on the terms.