

AP Language and Composition Summer Reading Assignment

Students taking enrolled in AP Language and Composition for the 2020-2021 school year should read:

- *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien. This text will be used to introduce several skills necessary for success in the course during the first month of school.
- *The Heretic's Daughter* by Kathleen Kent and complete the journal assignment outlined below.

In addition to the district summer reading assignment, AP Language students should complete the following.

- Review and know the AP Vocabulary list provided.

Dialectical Journal Assignment

1. Journal **while** you read. It may be easiest to devote a notebook to the text(s) so that you are not stapling together pages of notes to turn in. Your journals should include information regarding characters, plot, imagery, theme author choice, and author purpose.
 - a. Journals entries should not simply outline plot, but instead should show an analysis of the text.
 - b. Journal entries should cover each chapter. Consider 2-3 entries for each chapter.

EXAMPLE DIALECTICAL JOURNAL	
QUOTES	REFLECTION
Pg. 36 "I hope she'll be a fool -- that's the best thing a girl can be in this world, a beautiful little fool."	Daisy recognizes that her good looks and need for money allowed her to marry a man with wealth. Unfortunately, she knows that her husband is cheating on her. She hopes that her daughter will be beautiful enough to get a man with money, but ignorant and foolish enough to ignore any mistreatment she may receive from him. How can Daisy want that for her daughter?!?!?

2. Make a list of 5 quotes critical to the text. Provide the page number(s) for each passage. In a few 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.

Timed Writing Response for Week Two of the 2020-2021 School Year:

During the second week of the new school year, you will be given a sample AP Exam, 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 semester* of the new school year, you will be quizzed on the terms. We will discuss and review these terms in class during the semester; however, it is critical that you have an understanding of the terms upon entering the school year. Even a cursory understanding will help you better prepare to analyze texts.

A Note from your Teacher

Please do not feel overwhelmed by these assignments, they are meant to keep you thinking throughout the summer, not to overwhelm you.