

AP Literature and Composition Summer Reading Assignment

Students taking AP Literature and composition should read *one of the three texts listed by grade-level* in addition to the District Summer assignment.

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
 - *Atonement* by Ian McEwan
 - *Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini

- Review and know the AP Vocabulary list provided. Students enrolled in AP Literature should have a background in the 11th grade terms, as well as the 12th grade terms. It is expected that all AP Literature students will know the entire list, regardless of the course completed in 11th grade.

Dialectical Journal Assignment

1. Journal **while** you read. It may be easiest to devote a 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, theme, and author purpose as a few examples.
 - a. Journals entries should not 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. 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 5 quotes critical to the text. Provide the page number(s) for each passage. In at least one paragraph (7-10 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 month of the new school year, you may be quizzed on the terms. If you have any concerns or questions.

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.