

Summer Reading Assignments

AP English Language and Composition

AP Junior English

One of the keys to performing well is being “well read.”

AP English Language students will be reading a total of **four** books this summer:

- Students will read and thoroughly annotate The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne and also Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison.
- Then choose 1 non-fiction and 1 fiction novel from the following list. Select books that are of interest to you. Read and annotate for reference.

- Be prepared for two in-class essays as soon as we return from summer vacation, and for a presentation and additional assessments.

- Also please be advised that as this is a college level course, students should be highly motivated writers. The workload of this course is both challenging and **places a high expectation on the student.**

*Annotation – to add critical or explanatory notes (and/or to note literary devices) to a text.

Annotation is used as reference and creates a greater and deeper understanding of the literature.

Non-fiction

In Cold Blood by Truman Capote

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot

Into the Wild by John Krakauer

Amazing Grace by Jonathon Kazol

The Right Stuff by Tom Wolfe

Overachievers: The Secret Lives of Driven Kids by Alexandra Robbins

There Are No Children Here by Alex Kotlowitz

The Zookeeper's Wife: A War Story by Diane Ackerman

How Starbucks Saved My Life by Michael Gates Gill

Escape by Carolyn Jessop

The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls

Beautiful Boy: A Father's Journey Through His Son's Addiction by David Sheff

(List of Fiction is on the backside)

Fiction

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

Death Comes for the Archbishop by Willa Cather

As I Lay Dying by William Faulkner

The Sun Also Rises or Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway

The Heart is a Lonely Hunter by Carson McCullers

Everything that Rises Must Converge by Flannery O'Connor

The House of Mirth by Edith Wharton

The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan

Slaughterhouse Five by Kurt Vonnegut

The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck

The Glass Menagerie by Tennessee Williams