

AP Literature Summer Reading

I hope everyone has a great summer ahead of them. I'm very excited about your interest in AP Lit, and I am looking forward to getting started in the fall. In order for us to be primed and ready to engage in meaningful conversations about famous works of literature, we need not let ourselves get rusty, so I have included a couple of assignments for you to work on throughout the summer.

When you are reading the following works, make sure that you are reading with purpose. Yes, read for enjoyment, of course, but also make sure that you are analyzing and evaluating what you're reading. Be ready to have conversations about the pieces you've read that go deeper than surface-level comprehension.

I won't require you to write annotations or notes, but it may not be a bad idea to jot down some of your musings about the books and poems so that you can refresh your memory as the fall semester approaches.

1. Read *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini.
2. Choose one other longer work from the list below and read it. If you have already read a book from the list, please do not choose that one. I want us to read books with which we are not familiar.
 - a. *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley
 - b. *The Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad
 - c. *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne
 - d. *The Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller
 - e. *As I Lay Dying* by William Faulkner
3. Choose five of the following ten poems. Read, comprehend, and analyze.
 - a. "Ozymandias" by Percy Shelley
 - b. "My Papa's Waltz" by Theodore Roethke
 - c. "The Love Song of Alfred J. Prufrock" by T.S. Eliot
 - d. "Safe in Their Alabaster Chambers" by Emily Dickinson
 - e. "The Second Coming" William Butler Yeats
 - f. "Those Winter Sundays" by Robert Hayden
 - g. "Let America Be America Again" by Langston Hughes
 - h. "Ode to a Grecian Urn" by John Keats
 - i. "Do not go gentle into that good night" by Dylan Thomas
 - j. "Mending Wall" by Robert Frost

I look forward to hearing from you and getting started. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me! Happy summer and happy reading!

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