



**Advanced Placement/Pre-Advanced Placement
Summer Reading Lists 2019-20**

The AP and Pre-AP English teachers have designed a summer reading program which allows students to start the school year as a community of readers and provide students a preview of the type of critical reading and analysis skills they will build upon throughout the year. Because this course is designed for students who desire an intellectual challenge, we ask that students complete their reading assignments independently without the use of study aids or online resources. We also encourage parents to monitor students' reading habits to ensure that the summer reading is not hastily completed at the last minute.

Various writing assignments and/or projects will start the first week of school over the assigned books. The AP/Pre-AP English Summer Reading Assignments will be worth major test grades.

9th Grade (choose 1 book as the required reading)

- 1) *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest Gaines
- 2) *House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros
- 3) *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

10th Grade (choose 1 book as the required reading)

- 1) *All the Pretty Horses* by Cormac McCarthy
- 2) *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte
- 3) *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck

11th Grade (1 from the required A and 1 from required B)

- 1) *Their Eyes were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston (REQUIRED A)
- 2) *A Streetcar Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams (REQUIRED A)
- 3) *Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller (REQUIRED A)
- 4) *The Prince* by Niccolo Machiavelli (REQUIRED B)
- 5) *Walden* by Henry David Thoreau (REQUIRED B)
- 6) *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* by Frederick Douglass (REQUIRED B)

12th Grade (choose 1 book as the required reading)

- 1) *Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoevsky
- 2) *The Awakening* by Kate Chopin
- 3) *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley
- 4) *Tess of the D'Urbervilles* by Thomas Hardy

PART ONE (worth 100 points):

Please TYPE up the answers to the following. You may write it in an essay format.

I. Summarize the book in no more than two paragraphs, but **be detailed** in character names, plot events, and main conflict/resolution.

II. What is the main **theme** of the book? Remember, a theme is a full sentence that can be argued. Give at least three examples from the book that illustrate / prove the theme you indicate.

PART TWO (worth 100 points):

The student will be asked to complete an assignment given during the first ten days of school.

AP Biology (assignments will be given out the first week of school)

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot

Students may check-out books from the school or county library. These may be purchased at ANY bookstore, or online through sites such as amazon.com or half.com.