**AP Literature and Composition**

**Summer Reading Assignment**

**Choose and read one of the assigned novels listed below. After you finish reading the novel, you will write a response to your reading. Your response must be written in essay format.**

**Novel List:**

* *Beloved* by Toni Morrison
* *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker
* *Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison
* *East of Eden* by John Steinbeck
* *1984* by George Orwell
* *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison
* *A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving
* *Emma* by Jane Austen
* *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi by Coates

**Written Response:** Once you finish reading the entire novel, write a response to your reading. While they need not be literary analysis per se, written entries are your thoughts, reactions, interpretations, questions of what you are reading, your process as a reader and a writer. Please do not give a summary of the text. This should be an explanation of your interpretation or understanding of the text.

**Your response needs to be at least five full paragraphs written in an essay format** and should include at least THREE or more of the following elements:

* **Quote or point out**--Quote a part of what you are reading that you feel is an example of good writing - sentence, paragraph, phrase, etc. What did you like about the quote? Why do you feel this is good writing?
* **Experience/memories**--How does this piece of writing make you feel and think? Does this piece remind you of anything? What comes to mind when you are reading this piece of writing? Talk about these experiences in writing. What made you think of them?
* **Reactions**--Do you love/hate/feel you can’t stop reading this piece? Talk about your reactions to this reading and reasons why you felt this way.
* **Questions**--What confuses you? What don’t you understand? Why do you think the author did something in a particular way? What would you have done as the writer? Try to answer your own questions.
* **Evaluation**--How does this piece of writing compare to other things you have read? What makes it an effective or ineffective piece of writing? Why do you like or not like it?