

**BRADENTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
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SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT ENGLISH
LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION**

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Advanced Placement

Please purchase Literature & Composition on the BCS textbook list. You might want to contact someone from my class this past year to see if they will sell you their copy. ISBN # 9780312388065 We will use this book almost every day so **please have this book by the first day of school.**

*** In addition to the two assignments it is suggested that you read at least one of the following books. The third questions on the AP Literature exams asks you to answer a prompt by using a book of literary merit. We will discuss what that means in class. Both of these books would qualify. You need to have read enough books to be able to answer the prompt. Your summer assignments will also be a book that would satisfy this criteria, however, I always have you go into the exam know at least 3 books on the list very well.

Summer Reading Due Date July 12, 2019

You may drop it by the school or e-mail it to me. shudson@bcspanthers.org

Major Work Data Sheet

There is an essay on the AP Literature exam in which you will be required to write on a novel of literary merit that you have read in one of your English classes in high school. I will require you to know 3 novels extremely well leading up to the exam. One of your novels may be one that you read for the first assignment or one we cover in class this year. You may also wish to choose one of the books on this list.

ASSIGNMENT: (You may not use the books for Assignment #2 (*A Thousand Splendid Suns* or *The Kite Runner*))

Choose one of the books from the list below and review it by filling out the Major Data Works Sheet (Included here for you to print). Be very thorough as this will be part of your study packet for the exam.

The Odyssey

To Kill a Mockingbird

Things Fall Apart

Othello

A Raisin in the Sun

All the Light We Cannot See

Zeitoun

The Scarlet Letter

The Great Gatsby

Lord of the Flies

The Awakening

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern

The Glass Castle

Fahrenheit 451

Your instructions for the Major Data Works Sheet is on the next page.

Each Data Sheet should be approximately 3 double-spaced typed pages. In each section, please refer to specific page numbers so you can look back through the book in detail as you study for the AP exam. This will be a 100 point grade. Please do these thoughtfully!

- Name of work.
- Author. Give a brief biography that would have prompted them to write this novel or play.
- Literary time period/classification (Historical Information)
- Setting. Write 3-5 sentences about how the setting impacts the overall story.
- Write a 7-10 sentence plot summary, referencing at least 3 crucial scenes and their page numbers.
- Who are the key characters (5) and what are their key traits? List at least 2 quotes that illustrate each trait for at least 3 characters. **These quotes should be something you could use in various essays to answer a variety of prompts.** Identify page numbers for the quotes you reference.
- What symbols are used and how are they significant?
- What literary devices are common in the book? Give specific examples of each, including page numbers. (Point of view, tone, imagery, diction, figurative language)
- Identify and explain the central themes in this book. Use specific page numbers/scenes.
- Write 1-2 paragraphs about human tendency connections to the story and/or some point(s) of real-life application for humankind.

- **Summer Reading Assignment #2**
 - **Due August 11, 2019**

A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini
Or
The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini

Part I

It is **essential** that you take notes on the reading. Look for and identify important passages from the novel (with page numbers) that reveal the character, setting and the essential themes that arise in the novel. As you read the novel, concentrate your efforts on

looking for references to the following themes and recording them along with your thoughts and reactions on them.

1. Loss of innocence and coming of age
2. Redemption of the human spirit
3. Social evils and the pain of war
4. People's inner conflicts (good vs. evil)
5. The destructive power of jealousy and insecurity
6. The lingering impact of guilt

Complete the following as you read the novel:

- You will address all six topic/themes from above
- Gather at least three significant passages for each of the six themes.
- Type the quotes that support the themes and give the page numbers of which they are found. Explain how they pertain to the theme.

Part II

Choose one of the following questions and write a two page response using quotes from the text to support your essay.

1. Choose a character from the novel. How does the character change throughout the novel? What do these changes illustrate about human tendencies?
2. How does the author use symbolism and conflict to reveal larger ideas about human nature?
3. How do character actions, events, and ideas provide insight into larger truths about how people of all cultures tend to act?