

# AP English 12 Summer Reading

2025-2026

Works to be used:

In addition to your Grade Level selection, \*The Little Liar by Mitch Albom\*, **below is your Summer Reading Assignment.**

*Hamlet* by William Shakespeare. Use only a traditional version of this play; do not use a “modern” version.

*Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe (ISBN: 978-0385474542)

*Macbeth* by William Shakespeare (Only new AP Students must read)

## The Assignment

After reading *Hamlet* and *Things Fall Apart*, show how the rhetoric used by characters reflects each character’s attitude **toward other characters** in the work.

Use no more than the rhetoric of 2 characters from each work.

In a manner worthy of an AP 12 student, connect the attitudes and/or characters across works.

### Guidelines

1. Use documentation to support your statements. **Be careful to avoid plagiarism. Remember to document paraphrases.** Use in-text MLA documentation.
2. Your paper must be no less than **4 full** pages. A paper of more than 6 pages is too long and will not be accepted. Your paper should follow all Departmental Manuscript Requirements for the preparation of papers.
3. There should be a Works Cited Page following MLA format. Please download the *BCS Style Guide* so that you will have a reliable reference during the summer.

Feel free to email me with any questions you may have: [mcnabors@briarcrest.com](mailto:mcnabors@briarcrest.com) or text: 901-336-5815  
There will be a completely optional Help Session on July 23 at 12-1PM.

### Grading Rubric

Please attach the Grading Rubric to your paper.

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This assignment is a 200-point grade, with the points being distributed as indicated below:

### Synthesis

       /25 points to include

- ◊Correct use of appropriate documentation in appropriate form
- ◊Seamless insertion of documented materials so as not to detract from readability, including the use of documented paraphrases
- ◊Good use of documented research to support the paper

### Exigence

see Grading Rubric in the Syllabus

       / 125 points to include

- ◊paper is clear & focused; holds reader’s attention
- ◊organization enhances and showcases the central theme, is compelling, & moves the reader through the text
- ◊presented in a voice and tone appropriate to the audience, engages the craft of writing to respect the purpose for writing
- ◊proper use of unity, coherence, and emphasis once the thesis has been presented
- ◊words convey the intended message, are powerful and engaging; good use of transitions and other organizational elements
- ◊sentences underscore & enhance the meaning of the paper; appropriate vocabulary for a formal theme, good syntax, appropriate attention to the rhetorical situation

### Conventions

       /50 points

- ◊writer adheres to standard writing conventions, including grammatical accuracy based on the *Briarcrest Style Guide* text assigned for class
- ◊writer uses conventions to enhance readability
- ◊paragraphing reinforces sound organizational structure

### Notice

- ◊This sheet must be attached to the paper when submitted. Failure to do so will result in a 25-point deduction

You will be tested over *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe (ISBN: 978-0385474542) and there will be a graded assignment relating to *The Little Liar* by Mitch Albom during the first week of school.