

## 2023 AP Literature and Composition Summer Reading

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Welcome to the Advanced Placement English Language and Composition class! To help you prepare for our rigorous and stimulating course in the fall, I've prepared a literary feast for you. First, read this entire summer reading assignment so you know what to look for as you read. Take notes as you read your books, thoroughly enough to serve in August as a review for a test and enable you to discuss the books readily. You do have **four** books to read and respond to and a letter to write all by the start of school. Enjoy!

1. Read the following books and fill out the Major Works Data Sheet for each fiction work listed below. Please include page numbers as appropriate within your answers. The completed MWDS are due the first day of school. Be prepared for assessments, projects, and discussions over the summer reading.

- Leave the Old AP Questions section blank as we'll cover that when school begins.

### Required Summer Reading Books:

- Doerr, Anthony. *All the Light We Cannot See*
- Gyasi, Yaa. *Homegoing*
- Huxley, Aldous. *Brave New World*
- Austen, Jane. *Pride and Prejudice* **OR** McCarthy, Cormac. *No Country for Old Men*

2. Why AP Lit? Write a one page letter to Mrs. Dunaway; tell me the reasons that you chose to take AP English Literature and Composition. Do not start off by writing, "I chose to take this class because..." No! You are now AP students and I expect thoughtful, original, and cogent responses to this topic. It must be typed and brought to class the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school. Remember that this letter will be my first impression of you as a writer, as a thinker, and as a student!

3. Purchase the following required books for use during the 2023-2024 school year:

- [The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne](#) (available on Amazon)
- [Frankenstein by Mary Shelley](#) (available on Amazon--Make sure you get the **1818** Edition)
- [Hamlet by William Shakespeare](#) (available on Amazon)
- [1984 by George Orwell](#) (available on Amazon)
- [The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde](#) (available on Amazon)
- [Sula by Toni Morrison](#) (available on Amazon)

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**Major Works Data Sheet**

<b>Title:</b> <b>Author:</b> <b>Date of Publication:</b> <b>Genre:</b>	<b>Biographical Information about the Author</b>
<b>Historical Information about the period of publication</b>	
	<b>Characteristics of the Genre</b>
<b>Plot Summary</b>	

<b>Describe the author's style</b>	<b>An example that illustrates that style</b>

**Memorable Quotes**

<b>Quotation</b>	<b>Significance</b>

**Characters**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role in the Story</b>	<b>Significance</b>	<b>Adjectives</b>

<b>Setting</b>	<b>Significance of opening scene</b>
<b>Symbols</b>	<b>Significance of ending/closing scene</b>
	<b>Old AP Questions</b>
<b>Possible Themes</b>	