

# **BRADENTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL 2023 SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

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## **AP English Literature**

**\*\*Please purchase Literature & Composition on the BCS textbook list. You might want to contact someone from the 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 full week of school.\*\***

**Note: You may choose which assignment to complete first, but one MUST be finished by July 10, 2023. The second assignment is due the first full day of school: August 10, 2023.**

## Summer Reading Assignment #1

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. You will be required to know 3 novels extremely well leading up to the exam. One of your novels may be one that you read for the other assignment or one we cover in class this year. You may also wish to choose one of the books on this list.

**Major Works Data Sheet:** (FYI--You may not use the books from Assignment #2, *A Thousand Splendid Suns* or *The Kite Runner*.) Choose ONE of the books from the list below and review it by completing a Major Works Data Sheet (instructions provided after book list). Be very thorough as this will be part of your study packet for the exam.

<i>The Orphan Collector</i>	<i>The Scarlet Letter</i>	<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>	<i>The Great Gatsby</i>
<i>Things Fall Apart</i>	<i>Lord of the Flies</i>	<i>Othello</i>	<i>The Awakening</i>
<i>A Raisin in the Sun</i>	<i>The Glass Castle</i>	<i>Fahrenheit 451</i>	<i>Hamlet</i>
<i>All the Light We Cannot See</i>	<i>Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead</i>		

Your Major Works Data Sheet should be approximately 3 double-spaced typed pages and include each of the sections listed here. 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

Choose either *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, 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: 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 on 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.

Option 1: Choose a character from the novel. How does the character change throughout the novel? What do these changes illustrate about human tendencies?

Option 2: How does the author use symbolism and conflict to reveal larger ideas about human nature?

Option 3: How do character actions, events, and ideas provide insight into larger truths about how people of all cultures tend to act?