



Dear Upcoming **AP Literature Students**:

**You will need to read *Pride and Prejudice*** by Jane Austen and annotate the text as you read. You will begin using your annotated text the first weeks of school, so do a thorough job.

In addition, **read one book of your choosing (one of literary merit:-)**. There are many suggested AP reading lists on the web:-) There are also previous summer reading lists with titles you may not have read. Example: You didn't read *Catcher in the Rye* in 9th grade but would like to now. These lists are still on the school website. Avoid reading something you've already read; also, avoid reading *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* and *The Importance of Being Earnest*:-)

a suggested list of students' favorites that are AP level:

<i>Bonesetter's Daughter</i>	<i>Where the Crawdads Sing</i>
<i>What I Never Told You</i>	<i>Little Fires Everywhere</i>
<i>Frankenstein</i>	<i>Catch 22</i>
<i>Purple Hibiscus</i>	<i>The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue</i>
<i>Station Eleven</i>	<i>Life of Pi</i>
<i>A Thousand Splendid Suns</i>	<i>The Awakening</i>
<i>Sula</i>	<i>Women of Brewster Place</i>
<i>Poisonwood Bible</i>	<i>Wide Sargasso Sea</i>

During the first week of school, expect writing prompts, discussion prompts, and creative assignments focusing on your reading of these books. It will be to your advantage if you take some kind of notes and pay meticulous attention to the readings.

You will be held accountable for reading these **two texts** in the first week of school. It is your responsibility to be done reading by that point and extensions will not be granted.

Please recognize that it is perfectly acceptable to struggle with some of your reading; you only become a better reader by finding material that causes you to reach and struggle. If you consult other sources to aid your comprehension, make sure you use these sources to *support* your comprehension and *not replace* the reading of the text itself. Doing independent research about the time period of each text may be helpful to you. For your choice novel, **please do not choose one that you have already read, has been read to you, or whose movie you have seen (even the cartoon)**. Additionally, children's illustrated classics and abridged versions are an insult to your lexile level.

Some of the texts deal with mature topics or use language that you might find offensive. It would be to your benefit to do a little research before choosing your texts to ensure that the subject matter and language are within your acceptable reading standards. If you run into something you are uncomfortable reading, choose a new text!

PLEASE NOTE: This is not something you can put off until the last week of the summer, so get started as soon as possible. Some of the reading will be difficult. Plan ahead: give yourself enough time to switch texts if you find one that you do not like. You are responsible for obtaining copies of the texts either through a library, a bookstore, or borrowing from a friend.

Remember, you are making a commitment as an AP student to complete your work to the best of your ability. I expect an AP level performance. Please plan accordingly with your time. If you lose this list, you can find it on the school website.

I look forward to working with you! Feel free to email me with questions. Happy reading!  
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