

<p style="text-align: center;">AP Lit</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Apex Hides the Hurt</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">by Colson Whitehead</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ISBN 978-1400031269</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Publishing Company: Knopf</p>	<p>What is the purpose of reading this work for this course?</p>	<p><i>Apex Hides the Hurt</i> is the story of an unnamed “nomenclature consultant” - someone whose job is to name products and who is hired to decide what a small Midwestern town will rename itself. The story is both a compelling extended allegory about contemporary American culture and a model of scholarly analysis: the protagonist is exceptionally attuned to the sounds, associations, undertones, and other nuances of language, just as we in AP Literature will strive to be throughout the year.</p>
	<p>What should students do with this book before they return to school?</p>	<p>AP Literature students should annotate the book thoroughly as they read, paying particular attention to passages that examine the way language generates meaning (such as the discussions of Quincy, Apex, Ehko, New Prospera, etc.). Students should return to school ready to discuss the entire book during the first few class periods.</p>
	<p>How will this book be used and assessed?</p>	<p>Students will be assessed on their critical writing about the central themes and motifs of the novel, on their ability to analyze language and contemporary culture with the same insightfulness and attention to detail as the protagonist, and on their contributions to class discussions.</p>