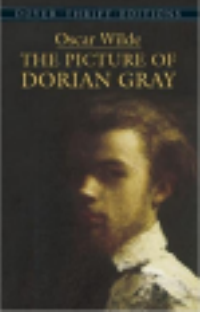


2024-2025 AP English Language and Composition Summer Reading Assignment

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| <p><u>The Picture of Dorian Gray</u> by Oscar Wilde</p>  <p>Dover Thrift ISBN: 9780486278070</p> | <p>Why has this book been chosen for AP Lang?</p> | <p>While <i>The Picture of Dorian Gray</i> can be read purely for enjoyment, this nineteenth-century book invites readers into questions about the nature of influence, the distinction between aestheticism and hedonism, as well as the relationship between art and morality. This book introduces students to the kind of close reading and analysis that they will use throughout the class.</p> |
| | <p>What should students do with the book before they return to school?</p> | <p>Students should engage in close reading by noting the ideas indicated above (the nature of influence, the distinction between aestheticism and hedonism, the relationship between art and morality), attending to Dorian's story arc, and marking passages of interest with questions and comments.</p> |
| | <p>How will this book be used and assessed <i>after</i> school begins?</p> | <p>Upon return in the fall, students can expect an essay test on the second or third day of class, as well as related discussions and assignments throughout the first and second cycles as we shift from literature to nonfiction and rhetorical analysis.</p> |