

Shull summer assignment, AP Literature & Composition:

Students should read one of the following books and be prepared to discuss the book and write about it at some length on the first day of class. Students should also be prepared to create a 'book talk' video later in the semester. Students may either buy the book (preferred, so students may annotate their books) or check it out from Johnson County Library (renewable 10 times @ 3 weeks per checkout; no fines at JC library per new library policy):

- *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte
- *Emma* by Jane Austen
- *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker
- *My Antonia* by Willa Cather
- *Death Comes for the Archbishop* by Willa Cather
- *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver
- *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver
- *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich
- *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood
- *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead
- *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain
- *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne
- *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens
- *Lord Jim* by Joseph Conrad
- *Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoevsky
- *Anna Karenina* by Leo Tolstoy
- *Catch-22* by Joseph Heller
- *1984* by George Orwell

*Please note: I have attempted to offer a wide range of summer reading options. Students should be aware that ALL of these books are of literary merit and have been or could be referenced on the AP Literature exam at the end of the year. Many of these books feature mature content—several have been challenged and/or banned—and several of these books are very long. Please do some research and choose a book that fits your ability and comfort levels. There are no 'bonus points' for reading a longer work; rather, you should pick a book you are curious about and genuinely want to read.

Further: this course is not a required course. Students choose to take it, and this is a college-level class. I am comfortable suggesting all of these books to college-preparatory and college-level students. If you or your parents are not comfortable with some of the works on this list, I am confident that there are other books appropriate and acceptable for all tastes. If you would like to contact me about any of the books, or recommend books for me to add to next year's list, please email me at pshull@usd232.org!

I look forward to working with you in the fall!

Mr. Shull