

AP Language and Composition Summer Reading Assignment

Please read and annotate *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller and *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne. You will need a paperback or hardback copy of both works. Digital copies will not be accepted. Do not wait until the last day of summer to begin this assignment!

Over the summer

- Annotations
 - There should be a minimum of 30 annotations for each work. You must make notes in the margins about why you highlighted each annotation. If you do not, you will not receive credit for that annotation.
 - These should be spread throughout the works. Don't have them all on the first few pages.
 - Items to highlight
 - Themes
 - Important quotes
 - Figurative language
 - Setting details
 - Character development
 - Words that you don't know
- Writing Assignment
 - You will write a one page paper answering one of the prompts. Please use quotes from the play to support your answer. You must use MLA formatting.
 - Introduction: your introduction should be a thesis statement with a claim and warrants (one sentence).
 - There should be two body paragraphs (8-12 sentences). There should be one to two quotes. Make sure to analyze each quote, don't just summarize the plot. Your analysis should tie in with your thesis statement and help you answer the prompt. Never end a paragraph with a quote!
 - Conclusion: There should be a conclusion paragraph that wraps up the paper. This should be three to five sentences.
 - Prompt Options
 - Consider the universal concepts of fearing social isolation, being suspicious of others, and the unknown. How do those concepts relate to *The Crucible* and *The Scarlet Letter*? Provide examples to support your answer.
 - Write about how humans allowed these horrible acts to happen. Do you believe this goes against human nature? Provide examples to support your answer.

- This assignment is due at the beginning of class on the first day of school. Per the department policy, you will receive a 10% deduction each calendar day your assignment is not turned in.
- Please note that all work must be your own to receive credit. Plagiarism and/or the use of AI will result in a zero and a referral.

When you return to school

- Be prepared to take a quiz and write an in-class essay. You will turn in your annotations and your writing assignment on the first day of school.

If you have questions about the assignment, please reach out to Ms. Follis (cfollis@stasaints.net). We look forward to working with you this year!