

ENGLISH I PRE-AP SUMMER READING 2024

It is important that all students entering the Advanced Placement program be aware of its basic requirements and expectations. Writing proficiency and literary analysis will be emphasized in preparation for future collegiate work and successful completion of the AP exams during the junior and senior years of high school. The AP exam incorporates a free-response analysis essay question requiring students to choose a work from their own reading as support. For this reason, as well as other obvious ones, the reading of many works which have been evaluated as having literary merit is stressed.

Summer reading is vital to the success of Advanced Placement students. In order for the program to be experienced to its fullest degree, students must complete the assignments and be prepared for an in-depth examination which will be administered when the school term begins.

I. Read *The Old Man And The Sea* by Ernest Hemingway. If you are unable to purchase the book or get it at the library, the entire text can be found online—just search The Old Mand and the Sea PDF.

II. Watch either the original *Star Wars* trilogy (*Star Wars*, *The Empire Strikes Back*, *Return of the Jedi*) or the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy (*Fellowship of the Ring*, *The Two Towers*, and *Return of the King*).

All assignments should be completed over the summer before the first day of class. Contact Mr. Clarkson with any questions or concerns: austin.clarkson@kerrvilleisd.net or 370-1211.