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2024 AP Literature & Composition Summer Reading

To the AP English Literature and Composition Class of 2024 - 25

Welcome to AP Literature. You are required to read four texts this summer in preparation for September's course work. The two mandatory works are Stephen King's *On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft* and Toni Morrison's *The Bluest Eye*. The other two readings must be selected from the authors listed below. You may select two works by different authors or two works by the same author.

While reading, attend to your chosen author's literary style, major themes, cultural influences, choice of images, and choice of words. As you read, take notes on these elements as this will prepare you for class in September. You will take a test, write an essay, and produce a presentation when you return to school.

Summer Reading List:

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| Baldwin, James | O'Connor, Flannery |
| Bellow, Saul | Oates, Joyce Carol |
| Dostoevsky, Fyodor | Steinbeck, John |
| Ellison, Ralph | Tartt, Donna |
| Faulkner, William | Tyler, Anne |
| Fitzgerald, F. Scott | Updike, John |
| Franzen, Jonathan | Vonnegut, Kurt |
| Greene, Graham | Walker, Alice |
| Golding, William | Ward, Jesmyn |
| Hurston, Zora Neale | Warren, Robert Penn |
| Lahari, Jhumpa | Wharton, Edith |
| Malamud, Bernard | Woolf, Virginia |
| Melville, Herman | Wolfe, Thomas |
| Morrison, Toni | Wright, Richard |
| McBride, James | Zauner, Michelle |
| Murakami, Haruki | |

Stephen King's *On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft* and Toni Morrison's *The Bluest Eye* are available at all local bookstores.

Have a wonderful and safe summer.

Mr. Buckley & Ms. Miller

*Works studied in other courses by the authors listed above may not be used for Summer Reading Assignment.