Summer Assignments

AP Literature Students
Episcopal Collegiate School

Required:

Here is a list of novels and plays that have appeared on past Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition exams. Please select three works (**or more!**) that you have not previously studied or read. Choose full length works; do not choose summaries or abridged versions. Read carefully and annotate—advanced readers and thinkers annotate as simple "communication with the text." Look for stylistic elements, literary devices, repeated ideas, and thematic lessons. With that in mind, please read with a pen in hand, and make annotations that will be helpful in our discussion and writing this fall.

As you read and annotate, consider the following questions:

- What themes or "big ideas" are present in the text (e.g. friendship, memory, revenge, romantic love, aesthetic beauty)?
- How do these ideas relate to an interpretation of the work as a whole?
- What are the six most important or pivotal scenes in the text?
- What concrete details from these scenes could you commit to memory for the exam?

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