



## ***Great Expectations* Independent Reading**

**Start Date:** May 26, 2026

**Submission Deadline:** August 3, 2026 (First Day of School)

**Grade Posting Date:** August 28, 2026

### **Student Directions:**

The Advanced Placement Literature and Composition Exam includes three Free Response Questions, one of which requires literary analysis of an appropriate text that you have read on your own. In preparation to effectively answer such a question, you will read *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens and complete a Song Connections Analysis Project.

**Link to Text:** The entire novel can be accessed with this link- [Great Expectations](#). The text is also available at your local library, bookstore, or through various online retailers. Additionally, with each novel that we read for this class, you will receive a guiding resource detailing applicable characters, themes, motifs, and symbols on which to focus. Please completely read this resource *prior to reading the novel* and refer to it often as you read, annotate, and analyze: [Great Expectations Theme Handout](#).

**Project:** After you complete your reading of *Great Expectations*, you will complete a [Song Connections Project](#). You will find all directions at the link provided.

**Reading and Planning Pacing Suggestion:** *Great Expectations* has 59 chapters. Certainly, you may read at your own pace; however, if you could benefit from a consistent reading schedule, I have included a suggestion below:

<b>Summer Dates</b>	<b>Chapters to Read</b>
Week 1: May 26-29	Chapters 1-7
Week 2: June 1-5	Chapters 8-14
Week 3: June 8-12	Chapters 15-21
Week 4: June 15-18	Chapters 22-28
Week 5: June 22-26	Chapters 29-35
Week 6: June 29-July 3	Chapters 36-42
Week 7: July 6-10	Chapters 43-50
Week 8: July 13-17	Chapters 51-59
Week 9: July 20-24	Complete Song Connections Project

**Suggestion:** Keep a running list of characters, interactions, or moments of theme development and possible song connections *as you read* rather than going back and trying to generate ideas after you have completed the novel.