

Summer Reading for AP Literature and Composition

AP Literature and Composition Summer Reading List:

- Sophocles, *Antigone*
- Jane Austen, *Pride and Prejudice*
- Aldous Huxley, *Brave New World*

Students taking AP Literature and Composition are required to read three major works over the summer in preparation for the class. These works have been selected for their rigor, their representation of different literary genres and ages, and their usefulness as comparative texts throughout the course. We will use these foundational texts for journals, in-class essays, reference points, research paper, and class discussion. They will prepare you for the open response on the AP Literature and Composition exam. Reading abridged texts, AI summaries, watching the movie, etc., will not provide you with sufficient background on these texts. Eschew such pale imitations.

We strongly encourage you to keep reading notes for all three selections. These reading notes will help you retain information and engage with the text. They will be valuable for your choice of research paper topic and preparation for the exam.

Within the first few days of class, you will have an assessment that uses AP exam style questions. In keeping with expectations for this class as well as the preparation for the AP Literature and Composition Exam, you may not use notes or devices to access information for the summer reading assessments.