

**AP Literature and Composition**  
**Summer Work for the 2026-2027 Academic Year**

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**Required Summer Reading:**

*My Ántonia* (novel), by Willa Cather. ISBN-13: 9780525562863

- **Buy the 100<sup>th</sup>-Anniversary Edition**, with an introduction by author Jane Smiley. Publisher: Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group.
- Do not use a digital copy.

**Additional Required Text for Class:**

*How to Read Literature Like a Professor*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. ISBN-13: 9780063307742

- We will refer to this text throughout the year, so please buy a print copy.

**Required Work:**

- **Handwritten 2-column notes** on Cather's novel. Write on notebook paper you can keep in a 3-ring binder. **Read the attached annotation rubric**, which I will use to grade your notes and view my sample 2-column notes.
- **Don't plagiarize (that includes using AI)**. Use your unique voice and ideas, no matter how imperfect they are. I prefer that to computer-generated *hogwash*, and so should you. Developing your own voice – and having confidence in that voice – are central objectives in this course.

**Assessments for Summer Work:**

- 2-column notes (due day 1)
- Test (week 1)
- Socratic Seminar (week 2)

**Advice:**

- **Do not come to class** with an excuse for not reading or finishing 2-column notes. As Nike says, "Just do it!"
- **Budget your time this summer**. Do not try to read the novel, and take thoughtful notes, one week before school starts. Read, write, reflect, repeat.
- **Write legibly**. I cannot grade what I cannot read.

**Expectations and Warnings:**

- ChatGPT, AI, or any form of plagiarism are unacceptable. Academic dishonesty may cause you to lose your STS (college credit program) status.
- Summer-work scores below 70% may force me to remove you from the course.
- More than 4 absences in a single quarter will negatively impact your grade.
- Turn in all work when it is due. Late work will not be accepted. Excused absences do not mean excused work.

Thank you; I look forward to meeting you in August.

Mr. Oreskovich