

AP Literature & Composition Summer Reading

2026 Summer Reading Assignment

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Read AND annotate the following:

1. *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien OR *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe OR *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen
2. *1984* by George Orwell
3. A choice work of fiction (age and grade-appropriate AND over 200 pages in length; it cannot have a movie/film adaptation)

Use sticky notes to mark your annotations (even if you write in the books) with a portion of each note sticking out at the top or right side of the books. While I am not providing a specific list of expected annotations, your annotations should prove your in-depth interaction with the texts as you read. Make sure your name is written on a sticky note on the inside cover of the books.

You will turn in your annotated copy of the books on the first day of school. Be prepared to complete some assessments and engage in discussion regarding your books during the first days of school.

No digital copies will be accepted for summer reading or school reading.

REQUIRED BOOKS TO PURCHASE FOR USE IN THE 2026-2027 school year (all can be found on Amazon):

- *Purple Hibiscus* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie - ISBN 9781616202415 paperback
- *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley - ISBN 9781853260230 paperback
- *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman - ISBN 9781476738024 paperback

Another text will be selected for literature circles. That information will come later.

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