

Summer Reading 2026 for
AP Language and Composition (11)

- Must read 1 book from column 1. Be ready to discuss and use the novel in an argument essay in the fall.
- Must read one book from column 2. You will complete an assessment on the book.
- Must read one book from column 3. This book is your choice of a biography or autobiography of a political, historical, or literary figure. When you return in the fall, you will be doing a Google Slides project with the non-fiction book.

Thus three readings and one writing piece are due nearly right away!

AP Language and Composition Column 1

The Underground Railroad -Colson Whitehead
Their Eyes Were Watching God- Zora Neal Hurston
Native Son – Richard Wright
Hunger of Memory- Richard Rodriguez
The Jungle--Upton Sinclair
Snow Falling on Cedars--David Guterson
Huckleberry Finn--Mark Twain

AP Language and Composition Column 2

On the Road—Jack Kerouac
The Invention of Wings –Sue Monk Kidd
The Nightingale- Kristin Hannah
Main Street -Sinclair Lewis
The Plague of Doves-Louise Erdrich
The Good Earth—Pearl S. Buck
The Last of the Mohicans- James Fenimore Cooper
The Kitchen God's Wife- Amy Tan
Flight of the Sparrow-- Amy Belding Brown
Nickel and Dimed--Barbara Ehrenreich

AP Language and Composition Column 3

Your choice of a memoir or biography or autobiography of a political, historical, cultural, or literary figure. Try to select someone that you find fascinating, so you can share that enthusiasm with the class in your Google Slides presentation!