

Summer Reading 2026 for AP English 12 Literature and Composition

Students taking AP English Literature & Composition in the fall must read **three books** during the previous summer. On the first full day of school, you need to have **read all three books** and to have completed the writing assignment **on your book of choice (#3)**. I recommend reading *Things Fall Apart* closer to the beginning of school.

*If you are transferring into AP Literature from English 11, please see Mrs. Ahlm for the assignments to get caught up on over the summer.

Book #1- *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe

Book #2 -Choose any book from the list below.

The Beekeeper of Aleppo

Christy Lefteri

A Woman is No Man

Etaf Rum

*All of these novels have mature and sensitive content and language. If this is a concern, please reach out to Mrs. Ahlm (naahlm@ahastars.org) to discuss alternative novels.

Book #3 – Read a book of your own choosing that fits the rigor of a college course (approx) 200 pages that is not a movie.

Book 3 Assignment:

You should read a work of **fiction** and may choose any three elements of fiction from the list below and write a paragraph on each element explaining how that element exists in your chosen work. **Your chosen work should not be a text that has been adapted into a movie.** Each double-spaced paragraph should include a topic sentence (with title and author in the first one) and a concluding sentence, should be written in third person and present tense, and should include specific examples and quotes with page numbers from the novel. No introductory or concluding paragraph needed. Be sure to include **at least two direct quotations and a works cited.** The elements you may choose from include:

- Theme
- Structure (flashback, chronological)
- Metaphors/Similes
- Analogies
- Point of View
- Style (sentence structure, word choice)
- Character Development
- Foreshadowing
- setting
- imagery
- symbolism