

AP Language & Composition

2026-27

Welcome to the course! I look forward to working with you.

Our work will be challenging, but your efforts will take your writing and critical thinking to new heights!

To begin, here are your summer reading books:

Summer Reading

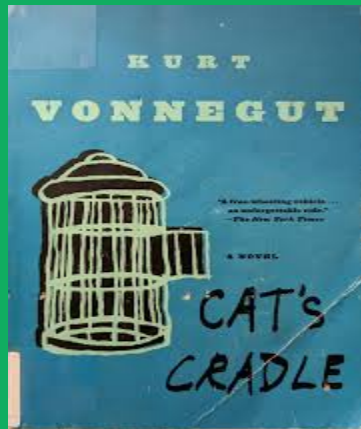
1984

George Orwell



Cat's Cradle

Kurt Vonnegut



The Jungle

Upton Sinclair



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You can obtain your own copies of the novels, or you can see me in Room 201 to sign out copies. During the summer, copies of the novels will be available at the high school's main office.

While reading the books, please take notes frequently. These will be very important when you return to school.

In the first two weeks of class, we will have open writing sessions. You will be using your notes to answer a writing prompt for each of the novels:

- *1984*: What were Orwell's thoughts on totalitarianism?
- *Cat's Cradle*: What is Vonnegut's comment on the relationship between science and government?
- *The Jungle*: What view of capitalism does Sinclair express?

Each response should be two pages in length (double-spaced). Your argument should center around your thesis statement, and you should support it with specific evidence from the text.

Have a great summer, and I'll see you in the fall!

Mr. Sproule