AP Literature and Composition
Summer Reading Assignment 2026-2027

Over the course of the summer, you will read and annotate *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri and read and annotate **TWO** choice books.

Written Response Assignment
Schoology will be used for the summer assignment. Throughout the course of the summer, you will write THREE responses. ONE will be in response to Discussion Question 1 for *The Namesake* (discussion questions will be posted prior to the beginning of the summer); ONE will be in response to Discussion Question 2 for *The Namesake*; and ONE will be an argument for why your choice novels should be read by other students in the Villa community. See below for due dates. Each post will be worth 10 points.
To receive full credit, your first two responses should be at least 350 words long per reflection. Your third response should be about 500 words long as you are referring to two texts. Your responses should be well-organized and contain a balance between generalization and specific detail. You should use the same standards for spelling and grammar that you would in any assignment for a class. You are expected to utilize the writing skills you have learned over the last three years at Villa, which include providing evidence and context, using MLA format, etc. All three responses must include a short intro and more than one developmental paragraph. See rubric on Schoology for more details. ***All writing must be original; you are not allowed to use any AI for this assignment, including brainstorming.***

Posting to Schoology: All work must be typed directly onto the Google Doc provided on Schoology. Go to Schoology and open the assignment and then open the Google Doc that is linked to the assignment. Be sure that you are signed into your Villa Google account. Type directly onto this document. It will then be available to you in your Villa Google Drive. Do not copy and paste from another document. No PDFs will be accepted. Click submit once you are finished. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Due Dates:

Thursday, July 2: Post 1 (response to Discussion Question 1 regarding *The Namesake*)
Thursday, July 23: Post 2 (response to Discussion Question 2 regarding *The Namesake*)
Thursday, August 13: Post 3 (argument for why choice novels should be read by other students)

Please Note:
1) **Upload the rubric with each of the three posts on the due date.**
2) **PRINTED COPIES of the Schoology assignments must be included as part of the graded discussion, which will take place during the first week of school (this is in addition to posting responses by the due dates listed above).**

Graded Discussion
Students will refer to their PRINTED responses and annotations during a facilitated graded discussion during the first week of the semester. Students who do not have their copies of their books or their PRINTED reflections will automatically lose 5 points per missing material, as this first discussion will be technology free. I will review the format of the discussion during our first class.

If you have any questions about the directions or requirements, email Mrs. Filipowicz at mfilipowicz@vmahs.org.

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Book List 2026-2027

During your AP Literature and Composition course, discussions and writing assignments will be based on the literary works listed under **Required Books.** You must have your own copy of each required book for annotating. In order to facilitate class discussions, please buy the editions listed below.

During the summer months, you will need to read *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri and complete the summer reading assignment sent to you via email by Mrs. Filipowicz. Additionally, you will need to read **TWO choice books** from the lists below.

REQUIRED BOOKS	
BOOK TITLE and AUTHOR	**ISBN**
The Namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri (summer reading)	ISBN-13: 9780358062684
Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi	ISBN-13: 9781101971062
Frankenstein by Mary Shelley	ISBN-13: 9780143131847
Hamlet by William Shakespeare (Folger edition)	ISBN-13: 9780743477123
A Pocket Style Manual, 9th edition edited by Diana Hacker	ISBN-13: 978-1319169541
CHOICE BOOKS FOR SUMMER READING	
The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood	***Wuthering Heights*** by Emily Bronte
A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini	***The Awakening*** by Kate Chopin
God of Small Things by Arundhati Roy	***East of Eden*** by John Steinbeck
Ceremony by Leslie Marmon Silko	***To the Lighthouse*** by Virginia Woolf
Song of Solomon by Toni Morrison	***Long Day's Journey into Night*** by Eugene O'Neill