

Advanced Placement English
LITERATURE and COMPOSITION
Summer 2019-2020 Assignments

Welcome to Advanced Placement English Literature & Composition!

SUMMER REQUIREMENTS:

All AP Literature and Composition students are expected to complete the attached summer reading and writing assignments. Be advised, these assignments are thorough; students who wait until the last minute to begin working on these assignments will find that they are unable to successfully complete them. **Summer reading assignments are required and due by the assigned deadlines. Late work or excuses will not necessarily be accepted.** Students who fail to complete these assignments will find it difficult to receive a distinguished grade in AP Literature and Composition for the first term. (Additionally, *The Poisonwood Bible* is the primary texts for our first unit in the fall; **there will be a quiz, a graded conversation, and an essay test associated with this book.**)

COURSE WORK:

“An AP English course in Literature and Composition engages students in the careful reading and critical analysis of imaginative literature. Through the close reading of selected texts, students deepen their understanding of the ways writers use language to provide both meaning and pleasure for their readers. As they read, students consider a work’s structure, style, and themes as well as such smaller-scale elements as the use of figurative language, imagery, symbolism and tone” (AP Central: College Board).

The goals of the course are two-fold: **to prepare students to be strong contributors and analysts in college literature classes and to prepare students for the national College Board exam.** Classroom activities will center on reading classic works of literature for enjoyment, insight, and enrichment. As a group, we will search for personal, social, and literary meanings in various authors’ works. Students will respond to the literature in class discussion and in written form, both creatively and analytically.

As with all honors courses, the course work is extensive and requires commitment on the part of the student. AP Literature and Composition students are expected to devote an average of 5- 10 hours *per week* preparing for class. This time is divided between reading an assigned text and preparing for class.

The attached permission slip must be signed and returned no later than Friday, June 14th, 2019 to Mr. Jefferies (**Room 275**). In addition to enrolling in the Google Classroom Summer Work page, this signed permission slip represents your first assignment for this class.

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Obligations Form

Student Name: _____

Please **read** and **initial** the following:

_____ I am aware of **my first homework assignment** as a member of this class: enroll in the Google Classroom Summer Reading page so that Mr. Jefferies may build class email lists. I will join the Google Classroom and Turnitin.com class pages by **Friday, June 14th**. Finally, I will initial each line of this permission slip, have it signed by a parent or guardian, and return to Mr. Jefferies by **Friday, June 14th**.

_____ I am aware that the creative characterization essay on is due on or before **July 31st, 2019**; the analytical *Poisonwood Bible* analytical essay response is due on or before **September 3rd, 2019**.

_____ I acknowledge that all assigned **summer work is to be completed individually** and **without the help of online supplements**. While there will be opportunities to collaborate with classmates during the school year, the summer assignment is not one of them.

_____ If I have questions as I work, I understand that I may email my teacher. Waiting until after deadlines to say “I didn’t understand...” is unacceptable.

_____ I understand that there will be supplemental assignments pertaining to *The Poisonwood Bible* in the fall. These include homework assignments, a reading check quiz, a graded discussion, and a final unit test.

_____ I am aware that AP Literature and Composition requires **extensive reading** and **writing** outside of class which will regularly include 5-10 hours of homework per week.

_____ I understand all work must be completed on time for credit. **Late work will not be accepted in most cases.**

_____ I understand the school’s plagiarism policy as detailed in the BHS Student/Parent handbook. I am aware that the penalty for **cheating on summer assignments includes a failure for the assignment and possible removal from the AP course.**

_____ I will submit my work to both Google Classroom and Turnitin.com prior to the due dates.

_____ I understand that outside reading and writing will be assigned during each school vacation.

_____ If over the course of the summer or during the first term of the 2019-2020 school year I choose to withdraw from AP Literature, I will complete the Braintree High School 12th Grade Summer Reading assignments. (You can use *The Poisonwood Bible* are the “choice” book for the general 12th grade assignment.)

Please sign and **return this form to Mr. Jefferies** (Room 275) **by Friday, June 14th, 2019**. You may also leave the slip in his mailbox in House 3.

Student Signature Date

Parent/Guardian Signature Date