

Dear AP Language Student,

Welcome to AP Language and Composition! AP Lang is designed to provide you with a wide variety of thinking and writing challenges. The following summer reading assignment will help prepare you for these challenges.

Follow these steps carefully:

PART 1

Step One:

1. Read *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, by Mark Twain.



Step Two:

2. Read **ONE** of the following:

- Educated* by Tara Westover***
- Night* by Elie Wiesel
- A Long Way Gone* by Ishmael Beah
- The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls***
- Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer
- The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd***
- The Kite Runner* by Khalid Hosseini
- Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* by Jonathan Safran Foer
- Slaughterhouse-Five* by Kurt Vonnegut

*** denotes a book that is not on the [LPS High School Approved titles list](#) but is recommended by the AP Lang team of teachers.

3. **Annotate throughout the novels by marking directly on the pages.** Take notes regarding plot development, character analysis, and thematic revelations. Also note authors' style, paying special attention to the following devices: Allusion, Diction, Imagery, Irony, Metaphor, Simile, Symbolism, Syntax, and Tone.

Take some time to determine which book you choose to read. While some books are longer than others, they have a wide variety of subject matter. The goal is to put a book in your hand that you will enjoy reading and remember-- not to pick a book you can finish quickly and forget about. These books will be very important to the essays we write next year.

PART 2

1. Spend some time throughout the summer looking at various news sources: BBC, WallStreet Journal, The New York Times, CNN, Fox, The Denver Post, etc.
2. Throughout the summer, select three articles to complete a Worldly Wednesday on. [Assignment details and example linked here.](#)

**While we understand Covid-19 is at the forefront of most publications, we are asking that you limit yourself to one article related to the pandemic. If you do choose a Covid article, we ask that it have a specific focus, not just an overview. This might mean looking at the economic impacts, how hospitals are coping, what's happening in

education as a result of distance learning, states' plans to reopen, etc. Not a report on symptoms, death tolls, or other general statistical data.

Grades:

- Annotations of both novels
- Three Worldly Wednesdays due first day of class
- In class assignments based on summer reading upon return

Obtaining books: while physical bookstores are temporarily closed, both Barnes and Noble and The Tattered Cover's online stores are open and both are delivering books. As well as Amazon's services. Shipments are delayed, so we recommend you place orders with this information in mind.

Sincerely,

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