

AP Literature and Composition Summer Reading Assignment
Read one work of literary merit.

(This assignment is for students taking AP Literature as a “stand-alone” course.)

In addition to the school-wide reading, *Three Cups of Tea*, we are asking that you read one book over the summer from the list below. The only stipulation is that you select a work that you have not already read. You will most likely find a volume on the list that you’ve wanted to read and will take this opportunity to do just that. If, however, you have another idea in mind, you may choose a text not on the list *if it is a work of comparable literary merit*. Please get approval from Mr. Green before reading the book if you want to choose a book not on the list. Feel free to contact Mr. Green at Roger.Green@fcps.edu.

On the first day of school, be prepared to talk about the book you read. If you read the book early in the summer, please review it prior to the first day of school. If you read more than one book off the list, be prepared to talk about one of them.

(This list is adapted from an original list by Norma J. Wilkerson and Sandra Effinger of works that have appeared on the open question of the AP Literature exam.)

A

Absalom, Absalom by William Faulkner
Adam Bede by George Eliot
The Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton
Alias Grace by Margaret Atwood
All the King's Men by Robert Penn Warren
All the Pretty Horses by Cormac McCarthy
America is in the Heart by Carlos Bulosan
An American Tragedy by Theodore Dreiser
The American by Henry James
Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy
Another Country by James Baldwin
Armies of the Night by Norman Mailer
Atonement by Ian McEwan
Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man by James Weldon Johnson
The Awakening by Kate Chopin

B

A Bend in the River by V. S. Naipaul
Billy Budd by Herman Melville
Black Boy by Richard Wright
Bleak House by Charles Dickens
Bless Me, Ultima by Rudolfo Anaya
The Blind Assassin by Margaret Atwood
The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison

Bone: A Novel by Fae M. Ng
The Bonesetter's Daughter by Amy Tan
Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
Brighton Rock by Graham Greene
The Brothers Karamazov by Fyodor Dostoevski

C

Catch-22 by Joseph Heller
The Catcher in the Rye by J. D. Salinger
Cat's Eye by Margaret Atwood
The Centaur by John Updike
Ceremony by Leslie Marmon Silko
The Chosen by Chaim Potok
Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier
The Color Purple by Alice Walker
Coming Through Slaughter by Michael Ondaatje

D

Daisy Miller by Henry James
David Copperfield by Charles Dickens
The Death of Ivan Ilyich by Leo Tolstoy
Delta Wedding by Eudora Welty
Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant by Anne Tyler
The Diviners by Margaret Laurence
The Dollmaker by Harriet Arnot
Don Quixote by Miguel de Cervantes
Dreaming in Cuban by Cristina Garcia
Dutchman by Amiri Baraka/Leroi Jones

E

East of Eden by John Steinbeck
Emma by Jane Austen
Ethan Frome by Edith Wharton

F

A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway
Fathers and Sons by Ivan Turgenev
A Fine Balance by Rohinton Mistry
Fifth Business by Robertson Davis
The Fixer by Bernard Malamud
For Whom the Bell Tolls by Ernest Hemingway

G

A Gesture Life by Chang-Rae Lee
Going After Cacciato by Tim O'Brien
The Good Soldier by Ford Maddox Ford
The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck
Great Expectations by Charles Dickens
Go Tell It on the Mountain by James Baldwin
Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift

H

The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood
Hard Times by Charles Dickens
The Heart of the Matter by Graham Greene
A High Wind in Jamaica by Richard Hughes
House Made of Dawn by N Scott Momaday
The House of Mirth by Edith Wharton
The House of Seven Gables by Nathaniel Hawthorne
The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros

I

The Iliad by Homer
The Inheritance of Loss by Kiran Desai
In the Lake of the Woods by Tim O'Brien
In the Time of Butterflies by Julia Alvarez
Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison

J

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
Jasmine by Bharati Mukherjee
The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan
Joseph Andrews by Henry Fielding
Jude the Obscure by Thomas Hardy
The Jungle by Upton Sinclair

K

Kafka on the Shore by Haruki Murakami
The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini

L

A Lesson before Dying by Ernest Gaines
Light in August by William Faulkner
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
Lord Jim by Joseph Conrad
Lord of the Flies by William Golding
The Loved One by Evelyn Waugh
Love Medicine by Louise Erdrich

M

Madame Bovary by Gustave Flaubert
Main Street by Sinclair Lewis
Mansfield Park by Jane Austen
The Mayor of Casterbridge by Thomas Hardy
Middlemarch by George Eliot
Middle Passage by V. S. Naipaul
The Mill on the Floss by George Eliot
Miss Lonelyhearts by Nathanael West
Moby Dick by Herman Melville
Moll Flanders by Daniel Defoe
Monkey Bridge by Lan Cao
The Moor's Last Sigh by Salman Rushdie
Mrs. Dalloway by Virginia Woolf

N

The Namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri
Native Son by Richard Wright
Native Speaker by Chang-Rae Lee
1984 by George Orwell
No-No Boy by John Okada

O

Obasan by Joy Kogawa
Old School by Tobias Wolff
One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich by Alexander Solzhenitsyn
One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest by Ken Kesey
O Pioneers! by Willa Cather
The Optimist's Daughter by D. H. Lawrence
Orlando: A Biography by Virginia Woolf
1984 by George Orwell
Our Mutual Friend by Charles Dickens
Out of Africa by Isaak Dinesen

P

Pale Fire by Vladimir Nabokov
Pamela by Samuel Richardson
Paradise Lost by John Milton
Père Goriot by Honore de Balzac
Persuasion by Jane Austen
The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde
The Plague by Albert Camus

Pnin by Vladimir Nabokov
Pocho by Jose Antonio Villarreal
Portrait of a Lady by Henry James
The Power and the Glory by Graham Greene
Praisesong for the Widow by Paule Marshall
Push by Sapphire

R

Ragtime by E. L. Doctorow
Redburn by Herman Melville
The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro
Reservation Blues by Sherman Alexie
The Return of the Native by Thomas Hardy
A River Runs Through It by Norman Maclean
A Room of One's Own by Virginia Woolf
A Room with a View by E. M. Forster

S

Sent for You Yesterday by John Edgar Wideman
The Shipping News by E. Annie Proulx
Silas Marner by George Eliot
Sister Carrie by Theodore Dreiser
Slaughterhouse Five by Kurt Vonnegut
Snow Falling on Cedars by David Guterson
Sons and Lovers by D. H. Lawrence
The Sound and the Fury by William Faulkner
The Space Between Us by Thrity Umrigar
The Stone Angel by Margaret Laurence
The Street by Ann Petry
Sula by Toni Morrison
Surfacing by Margaret Atwood
The Sun Also Rises by Ernest Hemingway

T

A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens
Tess of the D'Urbervilles by Thomas Hardy
A Thousand Acres by Jane Smiley
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
To the Lighthouse by Virginia Woolf
Tom Jones by Henry Fielding
Tracks by Louise Erdrich
Tristram Shandy by Laurence Sterne
Typical American by Gish Jen

U

Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe

V

Victory by Joseph Conrad

W

The Warden by Anthony Trollope

Washington Square by Henry James

The Way We Live Now by Anthony Trollope

We Were the Mulvaney's by Joyce Carol Oates

Wide Sargasso Sea by Jean Rhys

Winter in the Blood by James Welch

Wise Blood by Flannery O'Connor

Woman Warrior by Maxine Hong Kingston

Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte

Z

Zoot Suit by Luis Valdez