

AP ENGLISH LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION  
SUMMER READING LIST & COURSE DESCRIPTION

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

The AP English Literature and Composition course consists of writing and analysis, i.e. literary analysis, grammar, writing for a purpose, research skills, reading comprehension, etc. The class will address these skills while studying a cursory overview of British literature, focusing heavily on poetry and fiction pieces. Preparation for the AP English Literature and Composition Exam in **May 2022** will be a priority using timed writings and multiple choice-close readings, as well as thematic analysis essays for class discussion.

### SUMMER READING

Summer reading is expected of all 2021-2022 AP English Literature and Composition students. It is essential that students complete the summer reading, **as there will be an exam given in the second/third week of school**. Failing the summer reading exam may result in removal from the course.

**Please choose ONE from COLUMN A and ONE from COLUMN B of the following texts to read:**

#### Column A

*A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini

*Catcher in the Rye* by J. D. Salinger

*Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë

*The Color Purple* by Alice Walker

#### Column B

*1984* by George Orwell

*Catch-22* by Joseph Heller

*Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison

*Persuasion* by Jane Austen

\*Extra credit: students who read (and test) over **up to two additional texts from the list** will receive up to two additional points added to their overall 1<sup>st</sup> 9 weeks' grade.

If there are any questions, please contact Mrs. Marks by:

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Have a great summer! ☺