

AP English Literature and Composition Summer Reading

Advanced Placement Literature and Composition is a senior English course taught at a college level with the content, approaches, and expectations commensurate with a college English course. This is a course which analyzes how an author makes meaning; it deals in elements of style analysis in the novel, drama, and poetry. Students are expected to bring the same dedication, enthusiasm, and scholarly acumen to all their efforts in the class so that we may all learn from one another through various approaches.

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

Read *A Streetcar Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams

Take notes as you read. If you buy copies of the books, highlight and write marginal notes. This will help you review quickly and efficiently when you need to. You are required to fill out a Major Works Data Sheet (MWDS) for *Catcher in the Rye* and *A Streetcar Named Desire*. Print out two copies of the MWDS, so that you can complete the assignment. These Data Sheets must be hand written. **THESE WILL BE DUE THE FIRST DAY BACK FROM SUMMER BREAK!** Throughout the year, you will complete an MWDS for every major work that we read. I will not accept any typed Data Sheets. **Do not copy from a website, which is a form of plagiarism.** When school starts, you will take a practice AP Test which will include three essays and fifty-five multiple-choice questions. You will need to have read *Catcher* and *Streetcar* to be successful on this test. This will count as a grade towards your first quarter.

The summer may seem long and limitless in June, but August will be here before you know it. Set a schedule for yourself and stick with it. Don't wait until the last week to read these works.

Have fun!