

Date: June 2021
To: Advanced Placement English 12 Students
From: Mrs. Elick, AP English 12 Teacher
Subject: AP English 12 Summer Assignments

I hope all of you are having a fun and safe summer so far!

The purpose of this memo is to give you two summer assignments for the AP English 12 Literature and Composition class you registered to take this coming school year. As you probably already know, the AP English 12 class is a college level course with a detailed course syllabus that is approved by the National College Board. A requirement for the course is for you to do summer work in preparation for the start of class in late August. The summer assignments will be used daily in class during the first weeks of the 2021-2022 school year.

The two required assignments explained below are due the first day of class and are as follows:

I. Write a movie review for a movie that you watched over the summer.

The review should be 300-400 words in length. I will be using this short movie review to get a first look at your writing style/skills. You may check out various movie review websites for ideas on what to include in a review, but be sure to use your own original words when you write your movie review. Personalize your review so that I know it is your own thoughts/analysis. Plagiarizing is considered academic dishonesty at AHS and results in no credit for the work turned in for grading. Please type the review on a Google Doc, use 12-point Times New Roman, double space, and use the *Write for College* proper heading format that you used in English 9, 10, and 11 for typed assignments. This Google Doc will be turned in on Google Classroom the first day of school.

II. Select one of the novels listed below to read very thoroughly.

You will read one novel during the summer, and you will read four more of the novels for an independent reading assignment each of the nine-week grading periods throughout the school year. Thus, you will be selecting five of these eight novels in all to read for AP English 12. You can find the novels in your local library, purchase them at a bookstore, purchase them from an online vendor, or read them online. The novel choices are as follows:

- ***A Thousand Splendid Suns*** by Khaled Hosseini
- ***Light in August*** by William Faulkner
- ***The Awakening*** by Kate Chopin
- ***The Kite Runner*** by *Khaled Hosseini*
- ***The Poisonwood Bible*** by Barbara Kingsolver
- ***The Things They Carried*** by Tim O'Brien
- ***Their Eyes Were Watching God*** by Zora Neale Hurston
- ***Wuthering Heights*** by Emily Bronte

I highly encourage you to choose novels from the list that you have never read. One of my main goals in AP English 12 will be to expand your reading list and inspire you to be lifelong readers. I'm much older than all of you, and I am always finding old and new literature that I've never read. It's just another way to help make life so interesting. In addition, it will help you to be all the more prepared to take the required AP English Literature and Composition Exam next May. You will see the fee for this exam on your student fees list this fall.

As you read the novel of your choice from the list above for your summer assignment, keep a double-entry journal. To complete the double-entry journal, you will need to do the following:

- Type your journal entries on a Google Doc, use 12-point Times New Roman, and double space. Proper heading format is not required at the top of this document. Simply type your name and the novel title at the top of the document. This Google Doc will be turned in on Google Classroom the first day of school.
- The journal entries must be typed using the following format requirements: Read your chosen novel a few pages at a time. For every chapter, or every 10 pages or so of text, you will need to record for each journal entry the following information: a) the date, b) the span of specific pages read that day (not just a chapter #), c) a meaningful quotation from that span of pages, and d) a personal response/analysis to that quotation. Use first person I/me pronouns in your response for a personal connection in your journal entry. You should also include your feelings or comments about the reading as a whole throughout your journal entries. In whatever way you choose to break the novel down, you must have a minimum of 25 journal entries representing the entire novel.
- Follow this example: Imagine a line drawn down the middle of a page in your typed journal. On the left side, type a meaningful passage from the novel you're reading – perhaps a bit of dialogue, a description, or a character's thought. Include a citation with the quoted passage. On the right side, type a response/analysis to the quotation. Why did you choose it? Did it puzzle you? Did it confuse you? Did it interest you? What does it mean to you? How does it contribute to the work as a whole? Use first person I/me pronouns in your response for a personal connection in your journal entry. You will need to record for each journal entry the following information: a) the date, b) the span of specific pages read that day, c) a meaningful quotation from that span of pages, and d) a personal response/analysis to that quotation. A college level response is expected for each journal entry. A one or two sentence response to the quotation is not considered college level work.

- Be sure to include the date, the span of specific pages read that day, a quotation, and your personal response/analysis to the quotation for each of the 25 required entries. The personal response/analysis portion must be your own original words. Plagiarizing is considered academic dishonesty at AHS and results in no credit for the work turned in for grading.

Enjoy working on the two summer assignments. Remember that they are due the first day of school and will be your first two grades in AP English 12 for the 2021-2022 school year. Contact me with any questions you may have about these assignments through my school email: delick@archboldschools.org. Keep in mind that it is summer, and I will be out of town at various times, so don't panic if I don't respond right away.

Finally, I want to emphasize how much I am looking forward to teaching this class and learning with you throughout the upcoming school year. Undoubtedly, we all will have to work hard, but we all will have a unique opportunity to read, share, discuss, and write about some of the greatest literature available, and that is one of the awesome pleasures that life has to offer.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Take Care,
Mrs. Elick