

2021 AP Literature and Composition Summer Reading

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Welcome to the Advanced Placement English Language and Composition class! To help you prepare for our rigorous and stimulating course in the fall, I've prepared a literary feast for you. First, read this entire summer reading assignment so you know what to look for as you read. Take notes as you read your books, thoroughly enough to serve in August as a review for a test and enable you to discuss the books readily. You do have **four** books to read and respond to and a letter to write all by the start of school. Enjoy!

Required Books:

- Achebe, Chinua. *Things Fall Apart*
- Gladwell, Malcolm. *Blink*
- Huxley, Aldous. *Brave New World*
- Wharton, Edith. *Ethan Fromme*

Materials: A **Major Works Data Sheet** (see below) for each fiction title.

Please Note: For the non-fiction work *Blink*, you will choose 3 chapters and complete the following:

- Write an abstract of the case study presented
- Identify three specific areas of connection between the case study and current society

Directions: As you read, fill out the Major Works Data Sheet for each fiction work listed above. Please include page numbers as appropriate within your answers. The completed MWDS are due the first day of school. Be prepared for assessments, projects, and discussions over the summer reading.

- Leave the Old AP Questions section blank as we'll cover that when school begins.

2. Why AP Lit? Write a one page letter to Mrs. Dunaway; tell me the reasons that you chose to take AP English Literature and Composition. Do not start off by writing, "I chose to take this class because..." No! You are now AP students and I expect thoughtful, original, and cogent responses to this topic. It must be typed and brought to class the 1st day of school. Remember that this letter will be my first impression of you as a writer, as a thinker, and as a student!

Be prepared to start strong. :)

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Name: _____

Major Works Data Sheet

Title: Author: Date of Publication: Genre:	Biographical Information about the Author	
Historical Information about the period of publication		
		Characteristics of the Genre
Plot Summary		

Describe the author's style	An example that illustrates that style
Memorable Quotes	
Quotation	Significance

Characters			
Name	Role in the Story	Significance	Adjectives

Setting	Significance of opening scene
Symbols	Significance of ending/closing scene
	Old AP Questions
Possible Themes	