

Holy Cross High School
September 2019 AP Literature and Composition
Summer Reading Assignment

Seniors registered for *AP Literature and Composition*: There are three books that you will be required to read. These books will form the core of the class work and discussions for the first semester. This list is necessarily different from College English and the AP Language and Composition class lists.

Summer Reading required books:

- *1984* by George Orwell
- *A Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley
- *A Day in The Life of Ivan Denisovich* by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

There are also books that you've read in past English classes that you should review to re-familiarize yourself with specific themes. The themes explored in these works will come up in class discussions as well as (possibly) the AP exam itself.

- *A Raisin in The Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry
- *King Lear* by William Shakespeare
- *The Lord of The Flies* by William Golding

A workbook or review book will be purchased by the students and available sample online exams will be used as well..

- The Advanced Placement test is a challenging exam. Naturally, reading is an important part of the test. The most significant purpose for reading to prepare for the AP Lit test is for the student choice free-response question. For this question in the exam, you'll be asked to examine how a specific theme works in one novel or play that you closely read both in class and independently with an to increase your familiarity with literature from different eras and genres and to improve your critical close-reading skills; the more books you have time to read, the better. You'll want to critically read them for comprehension and analysis, but you don't necessarily need to focus equally on every book you read.
- Students will find during the course of the year that the above texts will be valuable as response material for work incorporating the Advanced Placement Standards.