

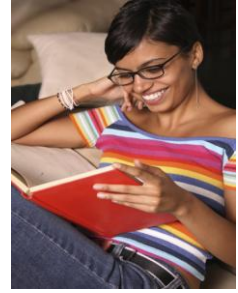
ADVANCED PLACEMENT ENGLISH LITERATURE Summer Reading Assignment

You must read:

BRAVE NEW WORLD by Aldous Huxley,

AND

You must choose one novel from the following list:



NOVELS

The Handmaid's Tale, Margaret Atwood

A Confederacy of Dunces, John Kennedy Toole

Pride and Prejudice, Jane Austen

Jane Eyre, Charlotte Bronte

Jude the Obscure, Thomas Hardy

The Picture of Dorian Gray, Oscar Wilde

King Lear, William Shakespeare (This is a play, though we have included it in with the novels)

In addition, we highly recommend that you **review** (or read if you have not already) **a collection of Greek, Roman, and Norse myths** (Edith Hamilton's *Mythology* is an excellent choice) **and *The Bible***. These two books are significant as many novels and plays of western literature contain numerous allusions to the events depicted in these works. Another work which could significantly increase your skills at literary analysis is *How to Read Literature Like A College Professor*. Reading this work would be a worthy investment of your time. You should have no trouble finding these titles in the library, book store, or used book store.

Please do not wait until August to begin reading, and indeed, we would recommend reading each of your selected works at least twice. We also caution you regarding using summaries, online reference services, and films of the same title in lieu of actually reading the works.

When you return to school in the fall, you will have a test over *BRAVE NEW WORLD* and a timed writing assignment on the work you have chosen. This assignment will require detailed knowledge of your work, the ability to apply basic literary terms to the work chosen, and the capacity to quickly integrate all of these elements into an organized whole. If you return to school without having completed this assignment, your continued placement in this course will have to be seriously considered.

If you have any questions, please see one of us before the end of school. Do not panic about anything, and enjoy the works you have chosen. We'll see you in the fall!

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