

Advanced Placement English 12 Summer Assignments

- 1) Choose one pair of works from the attached list. Be sure to choose works that you have not read before and review your choices with your parent/guardian. Sign the waiver and have your parent/guardian sign the waiver below. **Return this waiver on the first day of class.**
- 2) Read the work on the left-hand side first and complete your book notes. Your notes should show that you have read the entire book. By the end of your reading, you should be able to address the author's purpose/universal theme in the work. (This is not a research assignment. If you choose to consult outside sources, they must be scholarly and you must cite them.)
- 3) Read the corresponding work from the right-hand side of the list and complete the book notes. Your entries should also span the entire length of the work. Your second novel complements the first in some way, so you should consider their relationship in your entries. Again, by the end, you should address a universal theme in the work
- 4) Please staple or paperclip your notes so that you do not lose any of your work. **Be prepared to turn in your book notes when we return to school, and to participate in a graded discussion and compose a timed writing in class in mid-September.**
- 5) Draft a college essay. Visit commonapp.org or your potential colleges' admissions pages for essay prompts. (If you cannot find prompts for 2018-2019, use this prompt: *Tell us about yourself and why you wish to attend college.*) **Be prepared to workshop your essay draft (~500 words, typed) during the second week of school.**

Please keep in mind that this is a college-level course and we will begin working on new reading and writing assignments once the school year begins. I strongly advise you to use the summer to complete your summer assignments.

If you have questions, please contact us at lrichardson3@bcps.org or akrall@bcps.org.

I have chosen to read _____ and _____ for my
Summer Reading Assignment.

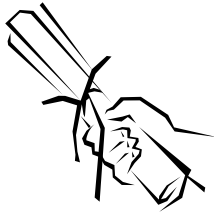
Student Name _____

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Advanced Placement English 12 Summer Reading Choices

<i>Othello</i> William Shakespeare	and	<i>Native Son</i> Richard Wright
<i>Jane Eyre</i> Charlotte Bronte	and	<i>Wide Sargasso Sea</i> Jean Rhys
<i>Heart of Darkness</i> Joseph Conrad	and	<i>The Poisonwood Bible</i> Barbara Kingsolver
<i>The Picture of Dorian Gray</i> Oscar Wilde	and	<i>Frankenstein</i> Mary Shelley
<i>Great Expectations</i> Charles Dickens	and	<i>Bless Me, Ultima</i> Rudolfo Anaya
<i>Wuthering Heights</i> Emily Bronte	and	<i>One Hundred Years of Solitude</i> Gabriel Garcia Marquez
<i>The Importance of Being Earnest</i> Oscar Wilde	and	<i>The Namesake</i> Jhumpa Lahiri
<i>Portrait of a Lady</i> Henry James	and	<i>A Thousand Splendid Suns</i> Khaled Hosseini



How Should I Prepare for My Senior Year?

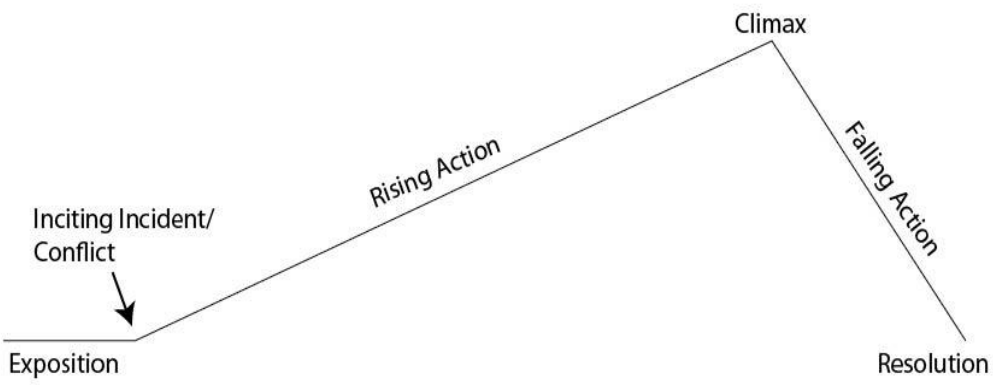
1. **Read** independently. Read your summer reading choices. Read other fiction choices. Read non-fiction. Read newspapers. Read blogs. Read about potential colleges. Read!
2. **Volunteer.** Volunteering looks good on your resume, and more importantly, makes you a better person and the world a better place.
3. **Work.** Working also looks good on a resume (and helps you pay for college), but the skills that you gain from the experience are even more valuable.
4. **Research colleges.** Talk to older siblings and friends about their college selection process. Look over the websites of potential colleges.
5. **Visit colleges** and take tours. Try to see a variety of schools— different sizes and different locations— to get a better idea of what’s out there and what’s right for you.
6. **Write!** Draft a college essay. Visit commonapp.org or your potential colleges’ admissions pages for essay prompts. (If you cannot find prompts for 2018-2019, use this prompt: *Tell us about yourself and why you wish to attend college.*)

Book Notes for _____ by _____

Label 6-8 key events from the work on this plot diagram.

Important Information on the Life & Times of the Author

PLOT DIAGRAM



Key Character	Static or Dynamic?	Explanation

Examine the Setting

Time:

Place:

Significance:

Key Quote	Explanation

Significance of Title:

Theme(s) and Explanation:

