

English IV AP
Summer Reading Suggestions (2020-21)

Hello! Welcome to English IV AP Literature and Composition!

During these times of stress and uncertainty, I am going to do the best I can to give you opportunities for enrichment while making an effort to ease the burden of a summer reading assignment for those of us that may have other pressing priorities during the summer. With that being said, I have compiled a list of **suggested reading opportunities**.

None of these novels, short stories, or poems are required reading over the summer.

However, for those of us that have the opportunity and the means to read during the summer, these are some suggested titles you may consider looking into that would help give you an idea of the rigor and expectation of the AP Literature and Composition course.

I have broken them up into three different categories, since we will cover longer works of fiction, shorter works of fiction, and poetry.

I repeat, **none of these novels, short stories, or poems are required reading over the summer and there will not be an assignment associated with summer reading.**

But if you are looking to prepare yourself for level the course will be functioning at or, maybe, are bored or wanting a distraction from what is happening in the world right now, this is a good place to start!

If you have any questions about the course, the summer reading, or life in general, please feel free to either email me at grust@conroeisd.net or join and message me on our classes Remind.com app. Just text @rustap2021 to 81010. (If you want to do this now, it wouldn't be a bad idea. It will be an expectation you are signed up for my Remind once the school year starts.)

Mr. Rust's AP Literature Worthy Reading Lists

AP Literature Worthy Novel List

F. Scott Fitzgerald - The Great Gatsby
Nathaniel Hawthorne - The Scarlet Letter
Zora Neale Hurston - Their Eyes Were Watching God
Chinua Achebe - Things Fall Apart
Harper Lee - To Kill a Mockingbird
William Golding - Lord of the Flies
Ray Bradbury - Fahrenheit 451
Alice Walker - The Color Purple
Margaret Atwood - The Handmaid's Tale

AP Literature Worthy Short Story List

James Baldwin - Sonny's Blues
F. Scott Fitzgerald - Babylon Revisited
Anton Chekhov - Misery
Katherine Anne Porter - The Jilting of Granny Weatherall
Ernest Hemingway - Hills Like White Elephants
Flannery O'Connor - Everything That Rises Must Converge
Joyce Carol Oates - A Brutal Murder in a Public Place
D.H. Lawrence - The Rocking-Horse Winner
Raymond Carver - What We Talk about When We Talk about Love
Edgar Allan Poe - The Cask of Amontillado

AP Worthy Poetry List

William Shakespeare - Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Robert Hayden - The Whipping
Gwendolyn Brooks - The Bean Eaters
Langston Hughes - Suicide's Note
Elizabeth Bishop - In the Waiting Room
Linda Pastan - Ethics
Emily Dickinson - I felt a Funeral, in my Brain
Wallace Stevens - The Snow Man
Richard Wilbur - The Writer
Robert Frost - Fire and Ice

If none of these pique your interest, just let me know! I will try to find something with merit for you to read! Stay safe and I will see you next year!

Mr. Rust