

Advanced Placement Literature and Composition Summer Reading 2017-2018

The following texts are required reading. Students must read all of the selections. A double entry journal is required for either *Oliver Twist* or *A Thousand Splendid Suns*.

Oliver Twist- by Charles Dickens

A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini

PLUS Bible readings**- *important for understanding allusion in early British and American Literature: (**The King James Version of the Bible is recommended)*

Please read:

The Book of Genesis

The Gospel According to St. John

Read each focusing on the following:

Diction

Point of view

Conflict

Imagery

Syntax

Author's style

Symbolism

Tone

Theme (universal)

Character Development

Some advice for reading these novels/books would be for you to read them and highlight. You will want to keep notes and write reflectively as you read, focus on:

- 1. Anything you do not understand or that is questionable**
- 2. Anything you think is especially important/characters**
- 3. Anything that invokes strong feeling/emotion**
- 4. Author biographical information and time period**

Upon return to school, students will be expected to engage in discussion and take a comprehensive multiple choice exam on all novels. There will be no written assignments due on these novels before the school year begins. This test can be worth up to one half of your first quarter grade. After the first week of the school year, you will not be able to drop this course due to low grades

DISCLAIMER:

Some of the suggested readings may contain mature subject materials that may not be suitable for some audiences. The use of the Bible as literature in no way conveys religious beliefs shared by the teachers, school, or school district. Please be aware that in all higher level classrooms and college courses controversial materials will be covered throughout the course of the semester. It is suggested that if there is any conflict based on religious or cultural belief, please make arrangements before May 11th with the AP teacher for alternate readings.

If you have any further questions please contact one of the following teachers: Ms. Haynes (944-5209 x201) or jmhaynes@avhsd.org, or Ms Mims at smims@avhsd.org ext. 102.

Thank you,

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