

Independent Reading Requirement

AP English

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Introduction You will succeed in the class and on the AP exam if you read voraciously during the course of the year. *What* you read matters as much as *how* you read; thus the list below includes texts which will challenge you. All the books listed below meet the College Board's standards for "works of equal merit." In addition to the titles listed here, you may read those titles from the summer reading list that you did not choose to read; moreover, you may ask to substitute a different book by the same author if you prefer (i.e., you can read *The Moor's Last Sigh* if you already read Rushdie's *Midnight's Children*). Consult your teacher before making a substitution.

Readings Read *at least* five of the following books, three during the fall semester and two during the spring. Your second book in the spring and your essay will be due before the AP Exam in May. **You must read one book and write the required paper each grading period prior to taking the AP test in May.**

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| 1. Achebe, Chinua | <i>Things Fall Apart</i> |
| 2. Albee, Edward | <i>Zoo Story & The American Dream</i> (2 short plays) |
| 3. Alvarez, Julia | <i>In the Time of the Butterflies</i> |
| 4. Bowles, Paul | <i>The Sheltering Sky</i> |
| 5. Brönte, Charlotte | <i>Jane Eyre</i> |
| 6. Camus, Albert | <i>The Plague</i> |
| 7. Coetzee, J. M. | <i>Waiting for the Barbarians</i> |
| 8. Danticat, Edwidge | <i>The Farming of Bones</i> |
| 9. DeLillo, Don | <i>White Noise</i> |
| 10. Dreiser, Theodore | <i>Sister Carrie</i> |
| 11. Ellison, Ralph | <i>Invisible Man</i> |
| 12. Faulkner, William | <i>As I Lay Dying</i> |
| 13. Flaubert, Gustav | <i>Madame Bovary</i> |
| 14. Forster, E. M. | <i>A Passage to India</i> |
| 15. Gordimer, Nadine | <i>The Pickup</i> |
| 16. Hardy, Thomas | <i>Tess of the d'Urbervilles</i> |
| 17. Heller, Joseph | <i>Catch-22</i> |
| 18. Hurston, Zora Neale | <i>Their Eyes Were Watching God</i> |
| 19. Jen, Gish | <i>Typical American</i> |
| 20. Jin, Ha | <i>Waiting</i> |
| 21. Joyce, James | <i>Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man</i> |
| 22. Kafka, Franz | <i>The Trial</i> |
| 23. Kesey, Ken | <i>One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest</i> |
| 24. Kingston, Maxine Hong | <i>Woman Warrior</i> |
| 25. Lahiri, Jhumpa | <i>The Interpreter of Maladies</i> |
| 26. Lee, Chang-Rae | <i>Native Speaker</i> |
| 27. Marquez, Gabriel Garcia | <i>Love in the Time of Cholera</i> |
| 28. McCarthy, Cormac | <i>Blood Meridian</i> |
| 29. McEwan, Ian | <i>Atonement</i> |
| 30. Naipaul, V. S. | <i>A House for Mr. Biswas</i> |
| 31. Oz, Amos | <i>A Perfect Peace</i> |
| 32. Rushdie, Salman | <i>Midnight's Children</i> |
| 33. Shelley, Mary | <i>Frankenstein</i> |
| 34. Smith, Zadie | <i>White Teeth</i> |
| 35. Solzhenitsyn, Aleksandr | <i>One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich</i> |
| 36. Turgenev, Ivan | <i>Fathers and Sons</i> |
| 37. Voltaire | <i>Candide</i> |
| 38. Wilde, Oscar | <i>The Picture of Dorian Gray</i> |
| 39. Woolf, Virginia | <i>To the Lighthouse</i> |
| 40. Wright, Richard | <i>Native Son</i> |