

Summer Reading Assignment

AP English Literature and Composition—Grade 12

For a successful year in AP Literature, your reading must be, as the College Board says, “both deep and wide.” With those goals in mind, you will be reading four books this summer: one informational text, and three novels.

Please keep in mind that this is a **college-level course**. Commitment to the reading and assignments are key to success. **The workload of this course is challenging and places a high expectation on the student.**

- *Mythology: Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes* by Edith Hamilton. This is to be treated as a reference text. You will have an objective test on its content within the first few days of school, and it will be useful to you throughout the rest of the year. (Note: While it is interesting, you do not need to read section 7, Mythology of the Norsemen. (Those of you into the Thor comics series may find it especially interesting.))
- *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe
- *Animal Dreams* by Barbara Kingsolver
- *A Room With A View* by E.M. Forster

You must read and annotate all four texts. In addition to the objective test on Mythology, we will be writing a formal paper, an in-class essay, and doing a presentation on the remaining books. **COME PREPARED TO WORK ON THE FIRST DAY.**