

Summer Assignment for Pre-AP English II

WELCOME CLASS OF 2023:

Welcome to Pre-AP English II! We commend you for choosing the advanced English program, and we are thrilled that you have decided to enroll in our course. This will be a busy year, but it will be a fun and rewarding one as well. We promise to work hard to prepare you for the challenge. Let's get started!

Every student who will be enrolled in Pre-AP English II during the 2020-2021 school year should choose *at least* one work of literary merit to read over the summer. Feel free to read more than one book. Spending time in the summer reading an additional title or two will help prepare you for success in Pre-AP English, college, and life!

You will be writing a reflective essay over your selected text during the first week of the school year. We encourage you to annotate (take notes) as you read and mark 6-10 specific quotes/passages that stretch your thinking and/or speak to you in a profound way. You will be able to use your annotations as you craft your essay during class, so please be prepared to write about how the author uses the quotes/passages you've chosen to develop the meaning (theme) of the work as a whole.

While there are thousands of texts that may satisfy the summer reading requirement, please choose a work of *fiction* that both interests and challenges you! You may consider choosing a book from one of the following lists.

TITLE	WEB ADDRESS
Works on the AP Literature exams since 1971	https://mseffie.com/readinglist.html or bit.ly/EMSsummerreading1 (that is the number one)
American Library Association's Notable Book List	http://www.ala.org/rusa/awards/notablebooks or bit.ly/EMSsummerreading2
National Book Award Winners	https://www.nationalbook.org/national-book-awards/years/ or bit.ly/EMSsummerreading3
YALSA's Award Winners	http://www.ala.org/yalsa/booklistsawards/bookawards or bit.ly/EMSsummerreading4

You may purchase a book at your local bookstore or online. If you are not able to obtain your own copy of the book, we have a small selection of books available that you can borrow over the summer. Please check with your English teacher for details. We look forward to working with you next year!

Any additional questions? Please contact any of the EMS staff listed below. We look forward to working with you next year!

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