

## AP Literature Summer Reading

Advanced Placement Literature is a senior English course taught at a college level with the content, approaches, and expectations commensurate with a college English course. This is a course which analyzes how an author makes meaning; it deals in elements of style analysis in the novel, drama, and poetry. Students are expected to bring the same dedication, enthusiasm, and scholarly acumen to all their efforts in the class so that we may all learn from one another through various approaches.

**Choose one of the following threads to complete before the first day of school:**

### The Effects of War

Read **two** of the following books:

*Catch 22*, by Joseph Heller

*When the Emperor was Divine*, by Julie Otsaka

*All the Light we Cannot see*, by Anthony Doerr

*A Farewell to Arms*, by Ernest Hemingway

*City of Thieves*, by David Benioff

OR

### Family, Friendship, Home

Read **two** of the following books:

*The Kite Runner*, by Khaled Hosseini

*Beloved*, by Toni Morrison

*A Prayer for Owen Meany*, by John Irving

*A Gentleman in Moscow*, by Amor Towles

*The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven*, by Sherman Alexie

Or

### A Sample of Florida Literature

Read **two** of the following books:

*Swamplandia!* by Karen Russell

*A Flash of Green* by John D MacDonald

*To Have and Have Not* by Ernest Hemingway

*A Land Remembered* by Patrick Smith (Don't get the watered down YA version!)

*Tourist Season* by Carl Hiaasen

## Summer Novel Assignments

### Reading Activities

1. Complete the Sticky Note Book report attached to this packet for both books.
2. What enticed you to choose the novels you did? Jot down some thoughts in bullet point form or a T chart of positives and negatives. Was it the book cover, the brief synopsis of the book, someone's recommendation, the length? Make this casual and brief.
3. Write a paper (typed, 11 pt calibri font, double spaced) in which you compare and contrast your two books, keeping in mind the themes, diction, characters, and figurative language. Impress me with your analysis and writing ability. This will give me an understanding of where your analytical and writing skills are. This is going to be a baseline for me to use as a teacher. It will not be a huge grade. There is no point in cheating and making me think you have skills you do not possess.

**This is due on the first day of school. We will get to class work right away.**

This will count as the students' first grade of the year.

Summer may seem long in June. Don't let it get away from you. Set a schedule and keep to it. Have fun! Feel free to e-mail me with questions and concerns.

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\*\*\* ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS \*\*\*

PLEASE READ AND SIGN THE BOTTOM BEFORE THE END OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR

You are on your own to find the summer books. They are all available at the local library. Most will be found at the Goodwill used bookstore. If you read electronically (I LOVE my Kindle), e-books are often cheaper than dead tree books.

Our class novels will be:

Medea by Euripides

Hamlet by Shakespeare

Frankenstein by Shelley

All the Pretty Horses by McCarthy

The Sun Also Rises by Hemingway

Their Eyes Were Watching God by Hurston

Due to the expansion of our AP program, I will be very likely be short on some of these books. I will do everything I can to find copies of these books to make sure your student has a copy. If you could purchase any of these books for your student, you'd be really helping our school and helping your student build a decent personal library.

*Will you please circle the class novels you are willing to purchase for your child to keep? Thank You!*

I have looked over the AP Lit summer assignment with my SPHS student \_\_\_\_\_, and they will do the assignment authentically and to the best of their abilities and be ready to turn it in on the first day of school. I have also circled the class novels I am willing to purchase for them to keep.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE SIGN BOTH SIDES! 😊

# Academic Contract

## Advanced Placement Course Work

### Suncoast Polytechnical High School

*The Administration at SPHS is committed to providing a rigorous classroom experience to ensure success for our AP students. This contract is to enforce your academic commitment to the academic and attendance standards of this college-credit course. For the 2022-2023 school year, the following requirements must be met in order to remain in an AP course.*

1. You must have your Summer Assignment completed by the first day of school.
2. You will commit to working on your AP homework every night to maintain pace with your classmates and foster classroom discussion.
3. There is a three-week period at the beginning of the year during which you may drop this AP course. This may disrupt your CTE and academic schedule.
4. You will seek remediation opportunities when you receive below satisfactory scores on any assignments or assessments.
5. Students with a grade of D or F at the end of Quarter 1 or Semester 1 will be placed into a regular on-level class. This may disrupt your CTE and academic schedule.
6. Students with a grade of C at the end of Semester 1 will need a parent/guidance/teacher conference to determine a path that will help the student be more successful and more likely to pass their AP test.
7. Students with excessive total absences (excused and unexcused), five or more in Semester 1, will be placed in a regular on-level class. This may disrupt your CTE and academic schedule. Unexcused absences in 2<sup>nd</sup> semester will result in referrals.

**\*As an AP student, you are expected to meet a rigorous behavioral and academic standard to help ensure your success in Advanced Placement Literature**

*This contract, signed by the parent and student, needs to be returned no later than*

       *May 20*       . *This contract is required for your formal participation in the course.*

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_