

AP ENGLISH 1409 SUMMER READING LIST 2017

Patuxent High School — Calvert County Public Schools

Requirements:

Select and read one novel from the list provided and type a formal essay response. It must be:

MLA FORMAT (look it up online if you are unsure)

*Times New Roman

*12 font

*Have few to no errors in grammar and spelling

*Address the prompt completely (**not just a summary of the text**).

*Evidence from the text must be included in your paper. You are proving your answer to the prompt.

* Introduction with thesis statement at end, body (where you prove your ideas), and a conclusion are all needed.

*Turned in on Sept 5th. Do not come into class on Sept 5th asking to print- it will be considered late if it is not turned in at the start of class. Plan ahead for printer issues, etc.

**Select one of the following novels to read before coming to class on Sept. 5th.
We will be discussing your novels that day in groups.**

The Awakening
Beloved
The Color Purple
Crime and Punishment

Nineteen Eighty-four
Things Fall Apart

AP[®] ENGLISH LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION

FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

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A symbol is an object, action, or event that represents something or that creates a range of associations beyond itself. In literary works a symbol can express an idea, clarify meaning, or enlarge literal meaning. Select a novel or play and, focusing on one symbol, write an essay analyzing how that symbol functions in the work and what it reveals about the characters or themes of the work as a whole. Do not merely summarize the plot.

Choose one of the following to read and write a well-organized essay that responds completely to the prompt.

The Awakening by Kate Chopin
Beloved by Toni Morrison
The Color Purple by Alice Walker
Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoevsky
Nineteen Eighty-four by George Orwell
Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe

The biggest mistake is to summarize the text. AVOID THIS! What does the symbol reveal about the meaning of the work or the theme. How does the author use it to get his point across to you? What is the author's point on the topic?

For example- Gatsby's green light...symbolizes the future and how it is tied to our past...what was the author's comments on this? Don't just express how the light was at the end of Daisy's dock and was a symbol for hope.