

Wyoming Valley West High School

**AP English Summer Reading List**

Welcome to AP English Literature and Composition! This is a class designed for highly motivated and intellectually curious students with a strong work ethic. I hope you will enjoy and learn from your summer reading.

The summer reading assignments are designed with several specific goals in mind:

- \* To introduce students to literary traditions and themes that will be studied
- \* To build student experiences and confidence reading complex texts
- \* To increase the pool of texts students can write about on the AP exam
- \* To engage the mind and stimulate the imagination

Students are expected to have read each work in its entirety before arriving for the first day of class in the fall. It is suggested that students utilize a hard copy of each novel in order to facilitate highlighting and note taking activities that will be an integral part of the course.

Students are encouraged to keep a notebook or journal to record impressions and make notes of major characters, events, themes, etc. Additionally, students should reference and complete the novel guide sheets provided by the instructor.

Students will be evaluated via graded AP essay prompts in the first weeks of school as well detailed reading check quiz assessments. Student writing will be evaluated for insight, validation of ideas, and fluency of expression. It is imperative for all students to enter the course with a working knowledge of the readings and the ability to provide insight with specific textual references.

The two works selected for summer reading are:

*Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley

*The Glass Menagerie* by Tennessee Williams

Because of the cumulative nature of AP English, students enrolled in the course must arrive with a working knowledge of the major literary works that have been covered as part of English 9 Honors, English 10 Honors, American Authors, and Great Books.

AP English students will be required to make connections between previously studied texts and those presented as part of the AP experience.

It has been noted that some students will be enrolled in the “Great Books” course while taking AP, so consideration will be given as to text comparison to allow for both courses to be completed simultaneously.