

# AP English Language and Composition & AP English Literature and Composition Summer Reading 2021

## Incoming AP English Language and Composition Summer Reading Assignment

The purpose of the AP English Language and Composition summer reading assignment is two-fold:

- (1) To give students the opportunity to compare and contrast a graphic novel and print memoir.
- (2) To provide opportunities for students to view and analyze a variety of local, national, and world news sources.

Assignment:

- (1) Select one graphic novel and one print memoir
- (2) Read each work
- (3) Annotate and analyze the content and idea in the texts
- (4) View and analyze a variety of local, national, and world news sources. Be ready to apply this knowledge in your speaking and writing.
- (5) Select the author you believe to be more effective. Use examples to explain your thinking.

### GRAPHIC MEMOIR and MEMOIR

- *Persepolis: The Story of Childhood*, Marjane Satrapi (Graphic) with *Reading Lolita in Tehran*, Azar Nafisi  
OR
- *American Born Chinese*, Gene Luen Yang (Graphic) with *Fresh off the Boat: A Memoir*, Eddie Huang

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## Incoming AP Literature and Composition Students Summer Reading Assignment

PURPOSE: The purpose of the AP Lit. summer reading assignment is twofold:

- (1) To give students the opportunity to independently read and analyze literary works of quality and complexity, in preparation for the start of our coursework
- (2) To add to the student's literary repertoire in preparation for the analytical essay section of the AP Lit. Exam

ASSIGNMENT: Review both lists below. Each student will choose 2 literary works. You may choose 2 novels, 2 plays, or one of each; it's your decision. Then complete the following for each work:

- (1) **Read** the work (*that's it!!*)  
*\*\*During the first few weeks of school, you will be asked to complete assignments and write about the summer works, so you must be prepared.*

**\*\*NOTE: Some of these works have mature content, so be sure to research the works before you make your selection to be sure it's the right work for you. \*\***

### LIST OF WORKS:

#### NOVELS:

*Emma* (Austen, 1818)  
*Crime and Punishment* (Dostoevsky, 1866)  
*Their Eyes Are Watching God* (Hurston, 1937)  
*The Catcher in the Rye* (Salinger, 1951)  
*The Color Purple* (Walker, 1982)  
*Handmaid's Tale* (Atwood, 1985)  
*The Joy Luck Club* (Tan, 1989)  
*The Yellow Birds* (Powers, 2012)  
*Less* (Greer, 2017)  
*The Nickel Boys* (Whitehead, 2019)

#### PLAYS:

*Oedipus Rex* (Sophocles, 429 BCE)  
*As You Like It* (Shakespeare, 1603)  
*Macbeth* (Shakespeare, 1606)  
*A Doll's House* (Ibsen, 1879)  
*A Raisin in the Sun* (Hansberry, 1959)  
*Fences* (Wilson, 1985)  
*Angels in America: Millennium Approaches* (Kushner, 1991)  
*Sweat* (Nottage, 2015)  
*American Son* (Demos-Brown, 2018)