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## AP English Literature and Composition Summer Reading Assignment

Below is a list of Pulitzer and Man Booker Prize finalists from the years 2014 - 2017.

Select and read any two titles from the list below.

For each novel, you must keep a double entry journal recording your observations about developing themes, setting, characters, and symbolism with the text. You should have, on average, one entry for every 8-10 pages of text.

In addition, when you return to school you will complete a timed open-response essay on each of the two books.

### Booker Prize Shortlist:

#### 2016

Burnet, Graeme. *His Bloody Project*.  
Levy, Deborah. *Hot Milk*.  
Moshfegh, Ottessa. *Eileen*.  
Thien, Madeleine. *Do Not Say We Have Nothing*.

#### 2015

James, Marlon. *A Brief History of Seven Killings*  
Obioma, Chigozie. *The Fishermen*  
Sahota, Sunjeev. *The Year of the Runaways*  
Tyler, Anne. *A Spool of Blue Thread*  
Yanagihara, Hanya. *A Little Life*

#### 2014

Flanagan, Richard. *The Narrow Road to the Deep North*  
Ferris, Josh. *To Rise Again at a Decent Hour*  
Fowler, Karen Joy. *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves*  
Jacobsen, Howard. *J*  
Mukherjee, Neel. *The Lives of Others*  
Smith, Ali. *How To Be Both*

### Pulitzer Prize Winners and Finalists List:

#### 2017

Hazlett, Adam. *Imagine Me Gone*.  
Morgan, C.E. *The Sport of Kings*  
Whitehead, Colson. *The Underground Railroad*.

#### 2016

Nyugen, Viet Than. *The Sympathizer*  
Verble, Margaret. *Maud's Line*

#### 2015

Doerr, Anthony. *All the Light We Cannot See*  
Ford, Richard. *Let Me Be Frank With You*  
Lalami, Laila. *The Moor's Account*

### Additional Choices from the National Book Award:

Flournoy, Angela. *The Turner House*  
Jiles, Paulette. *News of the World*  
Kushner, Rachel. *The Flamethrowers*  
Mahajan, Karan. *The Association of Small Bombs*  
Powers, Kevin. *The Yellow Birds*

Please note that these novels may contain mature themes. Consider carefully and make a selection which feels appropriate for you and to your family.

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**If you lose this sheet, you can find a copy and a link to the dialectical journal Prezi on Schoology. The course code is 5ZQV4-7XMKP .**

In addition, hold on to one of your favorite writing samples from this year. In the fall we will ask you to reread it and write a reflection.