

AP ENGLISH LITERATURE

The following works by American, British, and world authors are recommended by the College Board. Starred* titles are available in electronic book form on Overdrive. See our school library website for more information.

AP ENGLISH students must read a TOTAL of TWO books from the following categories:

Feminist and Marxist Criticism (REQUIRED)

- [*Jane Eyre*](#) by Charlotte Bronte*

Psychoanalytic Criticism (Choose ONE)

- [*Slaughterhouse-Five*](#) by Kurt Vonnegut*
- [*Room*](#) by Emma Donoghue
- [*One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*](#) by Ken Kesey*
- [*We Were the Mulvaney's*](#) by Joyce Carol Oates*
- [*1984*](#) by George Orwell*

Directions:

Students will complete a series of assessments on the assigned summer reading, each designed to emulate the structure and rigor of each component of the AP Exam. Though no formal notes or journals will be collected, the assessments REQUIRE students to record detailed active reading notes that focus on **Character, Theme, and Rhetoric** while completing their summer reading. Additionally, students should begin to familiarize themselves with this list of [“AP Terms” THAT CAN BE FOUND HERE](#). Because many of these terms will be new to you and a full understanding of them is ESSENTIAL to your success on the AP Test, you will be assessed on your ability to APPLY these terms to your reading throughout the year, and it is STRONGLY SUGGESTED that you study the terms and seek out examples in your summer reading texts prior to the start of the course.

IMPORTANT!

You will be assessed on the required readings during the first week of school.

Assessments will encompass both works with the structure and rigor of the AP Test.

Assessments will be comprised of the following:

- Multiple Choice Questions
- Passage-based Critical Reading
- Formal Essay