

ADVANCED PLACEMENT BRITISH LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION
SUMMER READING LIST

As part of our efforts here at CCHS to improve reading scores (ACT), the faculty and administration require all students to participate in the summer reading program. The truth is that students simply do not read as much as they have in the past. Sadly, this is often reflected in graduation rates, ACT scores and low freshmen college grades. Good reading and writing skills are imperative for future success in all areas of life. Therefore, like many schools in this state and nation, summer reading is part of the curriculum at CCHS.

This summer you must read FOUR (4) of the following works. Please have them completed by the first day of school in August. You will want to read the books carefully and take an Accelerated Reader test once school starts which you will do in my class or as a group in the library under my supervision.

Summer reading is a way of completing part of the REQUIRED reading for English classes ahead of time. These assignments WILL be graded. These grades will be the first grades you receive in English class, no matter which teacher you have for English. With that being said, you will not be able to take an AR test for a book on which you have already tested; therefore, **you must choose a book that you have not read or tested on previously.** Summer reading is just that: **SUMMER READING.** All students will be given an opportunity to take AR test early in the year.

☑ ALL AP Literature and Composition students should read *How to Read Literature like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster. There will be a written test on this book the first week of school. Choose your remaining three books from the list below.

☑ *The Once and Future King* by T.H. White

☑ *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe

☑ *Crime and Punishment* by Dostoevsky

☑ *Sense and Sensibility* by Jane Austen

☑ *A Doll's House* by Henrik Ibsen

☑ *Othello* by William Shakespeare

☑ *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson

☑ *Animal Farm* by George Orwell

☑ *Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt

☑ *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte

☑ *Rebecca* by Daphne du Maurier

☑ *Tess of the D'Urbervilles* by Thomas Hardy

☑ *Oedipus the King (Rex)* by Sophocles

☑ *Fences* by August Wilson

☑ *A Room of One's Own* by Virginia Woolfe

☑ *Murder in the Cathedral* by T. S. Eliot

☑ *Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison

☒ *1984* by George Orwell

☒ *King Lear* by William Shakespeare

☒ *Antigone* by Sophocles

☒ *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley

☒ *Taming of the Shrew* by William Shakespeare