

LINCOLN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

SUMMER READING SELECTIONS FOR HONORS AND AP ENGLISH CLASSES

FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

The English Department of Lincoln County High School believes that students who wish to excel academically should be given every opportunity to do so. Summer reading is a confirmation by students who sign up for honors and AP classes that they are willing to begin their school year by “going the extra mile” in their studies. **All Honors English students will take a test on their selections during the first week of school, even if they are scheduled for a second-semester class.** AP students will take their test on Hamlet in their actual AP classes. All students who sign up to take honors or AP classes are expected to complete their summer reading assignments and to prepare for further assessments on their reading during the first week that their English classes meet. These assessments are teacher chosen and may take the form of tests, essays, projects and/or any form decided by the teachers. Honors and AP students should determine to comprehend the texts on their own. Study guides are not a substitute for the actual play or novel reading, though they may serve to guide a student through the reading process. A student who relies on a prepared guide (Spark Notes, Cliffs, etc.) for the bulk of his or her reading should strongly reconsider signing up for an honors or AP class. The works below can be found online and in print editions.

10th-Grade Honors English

Students who plan to take Honors English 10 have **one work** to read, a play. They should read Shakespeare’s play A Midsummer Night’s Dream.

11th-Grade Honors English

Students who plan to take Honors English 11 have **one work** to read, a novel. They should read Hawthorne’s The Scarlet Letter.

12th-Grade Honors English

Students who plan to take Honors English 12 have **one work** to read, a play. They should read Shakespeare’s King Lear.

12th-Grade Advanced Placement (AP) English Lit/Comp

Students who plan to take AP English Lit/Comp have **two works** to read, the play Hamlet and one novel. For the play, they should read Shakespeare’s Hamlet and at least one novel from the following list: Toni Morrison’s Song of Solomon, Jane Austen’s Pride and Prejudice, Kurt Vonnegut’s Slaughterhouse-Five, or Joseph Conrad’s Heart of Darkness.