

Summer Reading AP English 12

The following is a list of works which you will be required to read prior to the start of the 2017-2018 school year:

1. *Mrs. Dalloway* Virginia Woolf
2. *Invisible Man* Ralph Ellison
3. A Greek play (**not *Oedipus* or *Antigone***)
4. A Shakespeare play (**other than *Romeo & Juliet*, *Henry IV*, *Henry V*, *Macbeth*, *Othello*, *Hamlet*, or *The Taming of the Shrew***)

The above work will be kept in journal format to include:

- In-depth character & theme analysis notes (at least **two** of each)
- Choose at least **five** literary terms from the packet provided - take note of how each functions in the novel - What effect does each have? This is the **most important part** of your notes!
- Direct quotations (including page numbers) should be included in your notes which evidence character traits, themes, and use of literary devices.
- Plot summary - notes to be taken **only if you need to**, so you will be able to intelligently discuss the work during the course when we study it (**not required**)

There will be an in-class essay written the first week or two connecting a piece of literary criticism to the works read. Our goal throughout the year is to connect these works to the literature we will be reading throughout the school year, as well as use them to study the use of literary devices (which is essential to the AP Exam). Some of these works will not be discussed in detail, but rather used as a reference.

One of the essays on the AP Exam is a free response essay where you are asked to answer a generic question and apply it to a piece of literature of literary merit. Reading these works will be helpful since all often appear on the AP Exam. The more classical texts you read, the better you will do on the exam in May.

Enjoy your summer. I am looking forward to a great year!

- Mrs. Fredricks

