

AP English Literature and Composition Summer Reading Assignment 2021

Part 1:

Read AND annotate **TWO** books from the list below. You will write in the margins of the book or on sticky notes. Write connections you make, questions, and observations.

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

The Bonesetter's Daughter by Amy Tan

Catch-22 by Joseph Heller

The Color Purple by Alice Walker

Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoevsky

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck

Great Expectations by Charles Dickens

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood

Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini

Native Son by Richard Wright

1984 by George Orwell

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

Song of Solomon by Toni Morrison

The Sound and the Fury by William Faulkner

Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe

Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte

Part 2:

After reading and annotating **two** books from the list, write a book report for each. In September, you will upload both book reports to turnitin.com. **DO NOT plagiarize.**

Book Report Template:

Paragraph 1 – Introduction/general information about the novel; include title, author, brief overview (3-4 sentences).

Paragraph 2 – Setting: Describe the time and place of the story and any appropriate historical context (4-5 sentences).

Paragraph 3 – Plot: The action/summary of what happened in the novel. List up to six events that happened in the novel; keep them in order (6-7 sentences).

Paragraph 4 – Main Character: Describe/analyze the main character. Explain how he changes throughout the book. Include examples/quotes (6-7 sentences).

Paragraph 5 – Other Characters: Describe a few of the other major characters and their significance in the story (6-7 sentences).

Paragraph 6 – Theme: What is the author trying to say in this story? What is his lesson in life? Is there a moral to this story? This is a story about ____ (examples: courage, working hard, doing the right thing, greed, love, sadness, etc.). What did you learn from this novel? (7-8 sentences)

Last Paragraph – Evaluation of the book. Answer these questions: What did you think of the book? What did you like and not like about the book? Was the story confusing or hard to believe? Was it predictable? Would you recommend it? The ending was _____.