
ENGLISH I

A Separate Peace  John Knowles
To Kill A Mockingbird  Harper Lee
The House on Mango Street  Sandra Cisneros

Due on the first day of class.

ENGLISH II

All The Pretty Horses  Cormac McCarthy
A River Runs Through It  Norman Maclean

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All the Pretty Horses  Cormac McCarthy
A River Runs Through It  Norman Maclean
Peace Like a River  Leif Enger

Writing Assignment: Please select one significant passage from each novel, and in a solid, well-organized paragraph or so explain why the passage is important and how it is connected to the novel as a whole.

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ENGLISH III

Must read: The Ballad of the Sad Café  Carson McCullers

Choose one from the following list:
The Great Santini  Pat Conroy
Ethan Frome  Edith Warton
The Old Man and the Sea  Ernest Hemingway
Their Eyes Were Watching God  Zora Neale Hurston

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ENGLISH IV

The Kite Runner  Khaled Hosseini
Frankenstein  Mary Shelley

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WORLD HISTORY I

A History of the World in 6 Glasses  Tom Standage
ISBN: 0802715524

Due on the first day of class.
US HISTORY

1776: David McCullough
ISBN: 0-7432-2672-0

Due on the first day of class.

AP LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION:

Please read all selections from one of the following writers:
All Over But the Shoutin'; Ava’s Man Rick Bragg
The Crossing; Cities of the Plain Cormac McCarthy

Writing Assignment: In a novel by William Styron, a father tells his son that life is a search for justice.” Use your summer reading as the focus of an essay in which you analyze a character or characters’ understanding of justice, the degree to which the character’s search for justice is successful, and the significance of this search for the work as a whole. Avoid plot summary.

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AP ENGLISH LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION

The Road Cormac McCarthy
The Sun Also Rises Ernest Hemingway

Writing Assignment: Palestinian American literary theorist and cultural critic Edward Said has written that “Exile is strangely compelling to think about but terrible to experience. It is the unhealable rift between a human being and a native place, between the self and its true home: its essential sadness can never be surmounted.” Yet Said has also said that exile can become “a potent, even enriching” experience. Use your summer reading to write an essay in which you analyze how a character or characters’ experience with exile is both alienating and enriching and how the experience illuminates the meaning of the work as a whole. Avoid plot summary.

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AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

ISBN: 0-7679-0252-1

One of Bill Bryson’s first and most beloved books, A Walk in the Woods, recounts Bryson’s experience while hiking (most of) the Appalachian Trail. Stretching from Georgia to Maine, the AT provides Bryson with dozens of stories, both sad and happy, historical and fictional, uplifting and spiritual, to tell his readers. This book will serve as an insightful narrative as we discuss the relationship between humans and the physical environment throughout the AP Human Geography course. For this assignment, read A Walk in the Woods and choose three (3) quotations from each chapter that stand out to you. For each quotation, write 2-3 sentences explaining the context and the significance of the quote. See below for an example of the assignment:
Now it may seem to stretch credibility to suggest that things like a paved highway, the whoosh of passing cars, and a proper building could seem exciting and unfamiliar after a scant five days in the woods, but in fact it was so.

Here, Bryson is discussing his experience on an early stretch along the Appalachian Trail. Although he had only spent five days on the trail, he was relieved to be staying a night in the Walasi-Yi Inn. The Inn was constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps during the 1930s and is one of many places along the trail where hikers can stop for some real refreshment and relaxation.

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**AP WORLD**

The Human Web – A Bird’s-Eye View of World History  
J.R. & William McNeill  

Due the first day of class.

**AP US HISTORY**


Bill Bryson newest of many books, One Summer, recounts the famous, infamous, and not-so-famous stories playing out in the United States during one very eventful summer. Bryson explores the “Roaring Twenties,” the booming stock market, prohibition, baseball, and trans-Atlantic flight among many other topics. This book will serve as an insightful narrative as we discuss the above-mentioned topics throughout the third and fourth quarters in AP United States History.

For this assignment, read One Summer and choose three (3) quotations from each chapter that stand out to you. For each quotation, write 2-3 sentences explaining the historical context and the significance of the quote. See below for an example of the assignment:

P. 167  “Prohibition was so flawed, and in so many ways, that even many of those who supported it in principle were appalled by how it developed in practice.”

Here, Bryson is discussing the effects of the prohibition on the sale and production of alcohol which was mandated by the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Bryson clearly believes that Prohibition had a negative impact because it led to political corruption, organized crime, and was very costly, from a financial standpoint, to enforce.

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**AP U.S. GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**


U.S. Congressman and presidential candidate, Ron Paul discusses the Constitutional foundations of American government and comments on a variety of contemporary political issues. Paul’s approach to politics is straight forward and thoroughly engaging. Paul’s arguments will elicit a wide range of reactions—sometimes forcing one to rethink his or her views and often prompting the defense of one’s view—on issues like
abortion, illegal immigration, government regulation of the economy, and U.S. foreign policy.

For this assignment, read *The Revolution: A Manifesto* and choose three (3) quotations from each chapter that stand out to you. For each quotation, write 2-3 sentences explaining the historical/political context and the significance of the quote. See below for an example of the assignment:

P. 6 “This revolution, though, is not altogether new. It is a peaceful continuation of the American Revolution and the principles of our Founding Fathers: liberty, self-government, the Constitution, and a non-interventionist foreign policy.”

Here, Ron Paul offers the thesis of his book. Paul lays out his core beliefs and in doing so, suggests that they are rooted in the American political tradition of the Founding Fathers. Clearly, Paul believes that the United States has moved too far away from these founding principles and it will require a peaceful revolution to recapture those ideas.

Due date: First day of class