

AP English Literature and Composition with Mrs. Debra Gala - [dgala@iusd.org](mailto:dgala@iusd.org)  
Summer Assignments 2011-2012

1. Read, read, read - novels, short stories, poems, dramatic works. Works should include selections from AP website listed below.

Suggested readings -

Tomes such as Steinbeck's *East of Eden*, Dostoevsky's *Crime and Punishment*, Melville's *Moby Dick*, Dumas's *The Count of Monte Cristo*, and/or Ellison's *Invisible Man*.

Shorter novels such as Salinger's *The Catcher in the Rye*, Vonnegut's *Slaughter-House-Five*, Twain's *Huckleberry Finn*, Wilde's *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*\*

Short Story collections such as Vonnegut's *Welcome to the Monkey House*, Salinger's *Nine Stories*, collected works of Edgar Allan Poe and collected works of Flannery O'Connor.

Poetry of Emily Dickinson, Elizabeth Bishop, Robert Frost, Edgar Allan Poe, Billy Collins.

Dramas such as works by Henrik Ibsen, Arthur Miller and August Wilson, especially *Jitney*\*

\*A dramatized version of *Pride and Prejudice* and the dramatic work *Jitney* will be performed at South Coast Rep.- local world-renowned theater. Opportunity to attend various performances will be given to students enrolled in this course.

2. Due First Day of Fall 2011:

Submit an informal expository essay in which you define literature and advocate a position on its value - in other words, Why Literature? Examples must include but are not limited to summer reading. Two to three pages typed, double-spaced. MLA format. Must include a works cited page.

3. Due Second Day of Fall 2011:

Complete one or more Major Works Data Sheets (MWDS). MWDS may be used to help compose timed in class essay on day two of AP English Literature and Composition.

Resources - MLA format questions: <http://www.dianahacker.com/resdoc/>

Suggested AP text selections: <http://homepage.mac.com/mseffie/AP/APtitles.html>

On-line Poetry selections - suggested websites: Poetry.org and Poetry Foundation

Major Works Data Sheet: <http://www.shelbyed.k12.al.us/schools/chhs/docs/>

[Major Works Data Sheet English.pdf](#)

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