

# AP and Pre AP Summer Reading and Essay Assignments 2021

## 12<sup>th</sup> Grade AP

*Sense and Sensibility* by Jane Austen

*The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger

*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain

**No summer essay**

## 11<sup>th</sup> Grade AP

*Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley

*Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck

“Duty, Honor, Country” by General Douglas MacArthur -*Sylvanus Thayer Award Acceptance Address* (Read biographical accounts of his life before you read the speech. Look up the honor for which he is recognized.)

### Writing Assignment

General Douglas MacArthur is one of the legendary military figures of World War II and the Korean Conflict. His controversial stand and stubbornness are almost as legendary. Two years before his death he was presented and accepted the Sylvanus Thayer Award before the cadets at West Point. This 1962 address has been ranked as one of the top 20 greatest speeches of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. In a well-written essay analyze the speech, studying the rhetorical strategies (everything we have learned) that MacArthur uses to inspire and honor the military and encourage the cadets. Look specifically at diction, the rhetorical cannons, and syntax, as well as metaphors, analogies and examples.

You should **research** MacArthur before you write the essay so that you will understand his position and view of the world. You should also research the significance of the award that he received from West Point. You may easily find the speech on the Internet.

## Pre AP 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

*The Crucible* by Arthur Miller

*Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury

### Writing assignment

Research Senator Joseph McCarthy and his “reign” of power during the 1950s. Write an essay of explanation of what happened. Do not cut and paste...Read, interpret, explain what happened. This directly relates to *The Crucible*. How? There is no set length. **Cover the material completely. Impress me.** I want good grammar and sentence structure, but I am more interested in your ability to see the connection of the two events: McCarthy/Miller/Communism fear vs. *The Crucible* and the Salem Witchcraft Trials.

TO ALL:

1. Essays should be emailed to me double-spaced in word or pages format with a title page inserted. The student's name should be on the title page, as well as the title of the essay and the date the paper is completed. My email is [anitaboyd@comcast.net](mailto:anitaboyd@comcast.net) or [anitakboyd@gmail.com](mailto:anitakboyd@gmail.com). Most colleges have adopted this practice as the primary method of accepting papers and work. We need to get into the habit of turning in papers this way. Essays are due to me by midnight on July 31st. No late essays will be accepted. (In other words, read the book/play/excerpt on which your essay is based first so that you can finish the essay without waiting until the last moment to do so.)
2. Reading tests will be given the first full week of school on the books and plays assigned.
3. I suggest that you order these books from Amazon or another Internet store. Books- a-Million is not always as knowledgeable about the classics as they are about the new best sellers. You should not purchase any abridged or children's versions of the books. You may borrow the books from the library, but we use these books in class as a basis for class discussions. You need your books when you come to class. Many of these books, plays, and speeches may be found on the Internet as full documents; you may, of course, use the computer to access and read the material, but I suggest you have the printed text when you can.

Have a great summer!

Mrs. Boyd