

AP Summer Assignments

Name: _____

Date: _____

AP English Language and Composition

Assignment 1: What Makes a Person Happy?

Read: Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

Write: Compose a “top 10 list photo essay” identifying the best moments of your summer. Follow the typical BuzzFeed format. Include a picture and a caption of a brief paragraph for each of your top ten moments. Include an intro where you speculate broadly on the question “What makes a person happy?” This composition should total about four pages, with at least a page developing your reflection on F- 451.

Assignment 2: The American Dream

Read: *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Write: Compose a 2 page essay responding to the question: “What does the American Dream look like for you?” (I would strongly encourage you to compose this first essay before you read the book – you’ll get a more genuine comparison *and* have some excellent perspective as you tackle the novel.) Then, compose a 2 page essay comparing your vision of the American Dream to the vision that Fitzgerald develops in the novel.

Assignment 3: Literary Analysis

Read: Choose one: *The Freedom Writers Diary* by The Freedom Writers
One Flew Over the Cuckoos Nest by Ken Kesey

Write: Compose a 2 – 3 page literary analysis essay on your selected novel. Your essay should assert and develop support for a thesis explaining 1) what the author of your text was trying to do (think “theme”) and 2) how she crafted the elements of literature in the novel to achieve that purpose. Consider plot, setting, character, and any other significant elements you see working in the novel.