

*AP English Literature and Composition*

**Summer Reading 2022-23**

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Room 202

Paperback Text: The Norton Introduction to Literature, Kelly J. Mays, Ed. (11th edition, 2014)

ISBN-13: 978-0-393-92339-1

\*All four texts below can be purchased as paperbacks. Since I will be teaching annotation and the seminar model, students will need to write in their books.

**Summer Assignments**

**\*ALL ASSIGNMENTS ARE DUE FRIDAY, JULY 29<sup>TH</sup> BY 11:59PM; ALL ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE SUBMITTED IN CANVAS**

**Companion Pieces**

*Animal Farm*, George Orwell-[Precursor](#)

Premise of the novel demonstrates that, those in power, will destroy any attempt at developing an equal and democratic society that is exhibited in portraying farm animals to represent key figures in history. Writing style is satiric with an emphasis on foreshadow, irony and allegory.

- Boxer's motto is "I will work harder." You are to *work* FREE of charge that requires self-sacrifice. This activity should be **physical labor** and duties must include a minimum of **one** hour to receive credit. EX: Yard cleanup/pulling weeds for your parents, grandparents, a neighbor. Cleaning/washing the family car, Scrubbing walls/basement
- Form will need signed by the person who acknowledges the activity with time, date and your attitude while engaging in the task. ***If for health reasons you are unable to complete the assignment, see me and I will provide an alternative assignment.***
- Since I will not be partaking in the *fun*, the activity represents a "hands on" example of a totalitarian government...*in jest*, welcome to AP English!

*1984*, George Orwell-[Follow-Up](#)

Premise of the novel demonstrates the elimination of *free thinking* that results in a dystopian society exemplifying mind control.

- Write a poem that exemplifies a dystopian society
- Rubric Criteria:

- 8+ lines
- Three literary devices
- Label each line that uses a literary device at the end of the line in parentheses
- Alliteration, simile/metaphor, personification, symbolism, rhyme scheme, other
- Original Title in quotation marks and centered on the page above the poem
- Correct Heading: Name, Class, Date/top left-hand corner, single spaced
- Upload on Canvas

### Companion Pieces:

*Grapes of Wrath*, John Steinbeck-Classic, Pulitzer/Nobel Prize

Premise of the novel shows the journey of the Joad family who are trapped in the Dust Bowl reflected in history as the Great Depression.

- Assignment: Journal entry for each chapter; Canvas site and hardcopy provided
- Upload on Canvas

*American Dirt*, Jeanine Cummins-Contemporary, New York Times Bestseller/Oprah's Book Club Pick

Premise of the novel is the contemporary version of *G/W* set in modern times with Lydia and her son Luca's journey from Mexico to the US border.

- Assignment: Find three current articles on one challenging topic from *American Grit* and analyze how the problem has lessened, stayed the same or increased in relation to the novel; be able to support your findings with logical thinking. Create ONE slide to show how numbers tell a story. EX: Topic/Drugs, Bar Graph/slide
- Upload on Canvas: On the Canvas site, a space will be provided to write an Open-ended paragraph that explains your graph in relation to your position.

**Enjoy your summer and make reading an everyday part of your pleasure so that **Procrastination** IS avoided!**

Form for *Animal Farm*: DUE 8/24(first day for students)

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Assignment Completed: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/2022

Assignment: (what labor was performed?) \_\_\_\_\_

Attitude: (check one) Excellent \_\_\_\_\_ Very Good \_\_\_\_\_  
Good \_\_\_\_\_ Fair \_\_\_\_\_ Below Average \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: (optional)

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