

Dear 2019 -2020 AP English Lit. Students,

Welcome to AP English Literature and Composition. Congratulations for electing to be part of a rigorous, college level course. During the year, you will be asked to carefully work with literature by analyzing, speaking and writing astutely about it. In order to begin this from day one, you must complete the following before the first day of school:

1. Read all of the assigned summer reading texts from the list. Use the attached handout to help you annotate the texts as you read. Be fore warned, you will be tested on the readings within the first weeks of school, and you will be expected to participate in class discussions on these texts.

Required Texts:

Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte

The Color Purple by Alice Walker

2. Write a paper (2 pages double spaced typed Times New Roman 12pt) based on one of the following prompts.

Instructions: In a well-organized essay, discuss how one of the texts (only one book) relate to the underlying ideologies represented in one of the quotes below. Make sure that you make direct references to the text in the essay.

Due Date: second week of school

Quotes:

Neither situations nor people can be altered by the interference of an outsider. If they are to be altered, that alteration must come from within.- **Phyllis Bottome**

I will not hide my tastes or aversions. I will so trust that what is deep is holy, that I will do strongly before the sun and moon whatever only rejoices me, and the heart appoints. - **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

Most people are other people. Their thoughts are someone else's opinions, their lives a mimicry, their passions a quotation. - **Oscar Wilde**

One's philosophy is not best expressed in words; it is expressed in the choices one makes. In the long run, we shape our lives, and we shape ourselves. The process never ends until we die. And the choices we make are ultimately our own responsibility. -**Eleanor Roosevelt**

I know that we will have a very exciting year together. Until then, enjoy your summer and your summer reading.

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