

Advanced Placement English Language and Composition 2017 Summer Reading Assignments

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Welcome to AP English Language and Composition and congratulations on accepting the challenge of this advanced course! I am excited about this program and am eager to introduce you to this unique curriculum. I am looking forward to working with you and helping you achieve your potential as writers and thinkers.

Below you will find your summer reading assignment. This assignment will help to prepare you for the very beginning of the course. I know that as you familiarize yourself and work to complete this assignment you may find times when you wish you could talk to me about a question you have or if you need help understanding something that is going on. I want to help you! Please feel free to email me at stonecentral29@gmail.com with questions. You can also use the REMIND app to text me, and I will respond. To Join Remind, text @9cc7h to the number 81010 or download the app and use the code (@9cc7h) to join. I will be happy to help you and will answer as quickly as possible.

This is your assignment:

- Read the biography *1776* by David McCullough. As you read annotate the text using the attached directions and bookmark. Your annotations (a set for each section) should **extensively detail your impressions, questions, reactions or other general comments**. (What do you notice about diction, imagery, language?) **Avoid just writing about what happens in the text.** Your annotations are due the first week of class.
- Read the science fiction novel *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury. Complete the Character Bone Structure sheet (attached) on the main character, Guy Montag. All parts should be filled out as you read and all answers are quotes from the ENTIRE book. Each quote should be documented with the page number from which you get your information, and the page number is to be placed at the end of each quote. Ex: loves his job at first: "Montag grinned the fierce grin of all men singed and driven back by flame" (4). You may find that this sheet will not be enough for all your notes, if this happens, feel free to use this as a model and write your information on other pieces of paper. This is due the first day of class, and you should expect a DYR Quiz.

I do hope you have a restful and relaxing summer.☺ I look forward to working with you in the coming school year.

Best Regards,

Mrs. Stone

Character Bone Structure

This material helps to understand the physical and psychological background of characters found in literature concerning physiology, sociology, and psychology. When possible, use quotes to support your answers. Write down page numbers.

As you read, record your observations. Write down page numbers where you find the information. Some of the information will not be written in black and white – you will have to infer the information.

Physiology: This helps your description concerning the character's appearance and outward attitude.

Sex: _____

Age: _____

Height: _____

Weight: _____

Color of eyes: _____ hair: _____, and skin: _____

Posture: _____

Appearance (dress): _____

Defects: _____

Heredity: _____

Sociology: This includes the character's home location, type of job, family life, wealth (amount of money), and how free time is spent.

Class (social standing): _____

Occupation: _____

Education: _____

Home Life: _____

Religion: _____

Place in the community (is this person liked/disliked in his/her home area?): _____

Amusements, Hobbies: _____

Psychology: This includes how a character acts because of attitude. Please attempt to describe the mental state of the character. Try to offer reasons for character's actions due to attitude.

Moral Standards: _____

Personal Ambitions: _____

Frustrations: (Disappointments, big and small): _____

Temperament: (Is this character mild mannered or hostile? Plus, when a character comes in contact with different persons, how does he/she respond? Does the character act differently around different people?)

Attitude toward life:

Complexes: (Are there any mental problems which cause him/her to act in a particular manner? Or, what mental processes occur that cause him/her to act in a particular manner?)

Extrovert, Introvert, Ambivert: (Is the character outgoing and social, keeps to him/herself and doesn't mix with other people, or can be described as at one time moody and to him/herself while at other times outgoing and social?)

I.Q.: _____