

Dear Prospective AP students,

All of the work you will be doing this summer has a variety of purposes. These tasks will give you some practice for the rigors of the AP curriculum. You will be able to see how your papers will be treated by your teacher. You will also get a glimpse of the types of novels that you will be reading. The most important purpose of the summer assignments is that I will learn about your writing skills. All work will be graded, but only the reading log entries will be calculated in your first semester grade.

For each book, you will post on the discussion board on turnitin.com. For Writing with Style, choose **10** significant ideas that you want to remember. For each novel, choose **5** quotes that mark significant events in that particular novel. Each quote/idea should be placed on the discussion board as a separate post. In your post, copy the quote down (include a citation), and reflect on why you chose this quote in roughly **300 words**. **What are your thoughts as you read this quote? What is the importance of this quote?** You may also choose as one of your posts to respond in 300 words to a post from another student. Remember to keep your comments academic and respectful. I will be lurking on the board and may post questions that you can also respond to.

The novels may be read in any order, but you must read Writing with Style (John R. Trimble) and write your log entries on that book first. This book may help you as you write the formal papers (1 on each novel). **For these papers, you must use directly quoted references to the novels. This will give me a chance to see how well you use, explain and cite text. Each paper must have a proper header and a title (see back side of this page for a sample).** For each novel, respond to the appropriate prompt:

**Wuthering Heights (Emily Bronte)**— : Many plays and novels use contrasting places (for example, two countries, two cities or towns, two houses, or the land and sea) to represent opposed forces or ideas that are central to the meaning of the work. Wuthering Heights contrasts two such places. Write an essay explaining how the places differ, what each place represents, and how their contrast contributes to the meaning of the work.

**The Picture of Dorian Gray (Oscar Wilde)**-- Often a character's success in achieving goals depends on keeping a secret and divulging it at the right moment, if at all. Choose a novel or a play or literary merit that requires a character to keep a secret. In a well-organized essay, briefly explain the necessity for secrecy and how the character's choice to reveal or keep the secret affects the plot and contributes to the meaning of the work as a whole.

**The Scapegoat (Daphne Du Maurier)** — An effective literary work does not merely stop or cease; it concludes. In the view of some critics, a work that does not provide the pleasure of significant closure has terminated with an artistic fault. A satisfactory ending is not, however, always conclusive in every sense; significant closure may require the reader to abide with or adjust to ambiguity and uncertainty. In an essay, discuss the ending of The Scapegoat. Explain precisely how and why the ending appropriately or inappropriately concludes the work. Do not merely summarize the plot.

Papers must be submitted to Turnitin.com. **MAKE SURE YOU GET A DIGITAL RECEIPT!**

### **Important Dates (Any and all assignments may be completed early)**

May 2	Join the AP class on Turnitin.com (see me if you have difficulty)
June 20	Submit Reading logs for Writing with Style
July 5	Submit First paper and discussion board entries for the novel you've read
July 18	Submit Second paper and discussion board entries for the novel you've read
August 1	Submit Third paper and discussion board entries for the novel you've read

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Include a Centered Title; No Bold, No Underline

The body of the paper should be double-spaced.

Remember when you submit to turnitin.com that you will receive a digital receipt if your paper has been submitted correctly.

Each paper should include a bibliography entry for the edition of the book you are citing.