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2026 AP Literature & Composition Summer Reading

To the AP English Literature and Composition Class of 2025-26

Welcome to AP Literature. You are required to read four texts this summer in preparation for September's course work. The two mandatory works are Stephen King's *On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft* and Toni Morrison's *The Bluest Eye*. The other two readings must be selected from the authors listed below. You may select two works by different authors or two works by the same author.

While reading, attend to your chosen author's literary style, major themes, cultural influences, choice of images, and choice of words. As you read, take notes on these elements as this will prepare you for class in September. You will take a test, write an essay, and produce a presentation when you return to school.

Summer Reading List:

Baldwin, James
Bellow, Saul
Dostoevsky, Fyodor
Ellison, Ralph
Faulkner, William
Fitzgerald, F. Scott
Franzen, Jonathan
Greene, Graham
Golding, William
Hurston, Zora Neale
Lahari, Jhumpa
Malamud, Bernard
Melville, Herman
Morrison, Toni
McBride, James
Murakami, Haruki
O'Connor, Flannery
Oates, Joyce Carol
Steinbeck, John
Tartt, Donna
Tyler, Anne
Updike, John
Vonnegut, Kurt
Walker, Alice
Ward, Jesmyn
Warren, Robert Penn
Wharton, Edith
Woolf, Virginia
Wolfe, Thomas
Wright, Richard
Zauner, Michelle

Stephen King's *On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft* and Toni Morrison's *The Bluest Eye* are available at all local bookstores.

Have a wonderful and safe summer.

Mr. Buckley & Ms. Miller

***Works studied in other courses by the authors listed above <u>may not be used</u> for Summer Reading Assignment.**