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

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 may not be used for Summer Reading Assignment.