

Aloha e Nā Haumāna of AP English: Comparative (2024-25 SY),

Welcome to our Course's Summer Reader which includes a collection of poems, short stories, videos, and non-fiction pieces written by Native Hawaiians [see [“Who You?”](#) + [Mana'o Sheet](#) links]. We will use this collection to establish the kahua—foundation—of our course for the year as we prepare for the AP Literature and Composition exam. In order to focus our experience, I would like you to view/read each selection through a 'Āina lens. We apply lenses each time we read; however, we rarely define which lens we are using. In other words, I want you to search for deeper meanings of “āina” through your reading/view of text. Yes, this means you have to “kilo,” observe/interpret/wonder, but I'm certain you are great thinkers—which is why you enrolled in AP Lit & Comp: Comparative. I have added activities that ask you to broaden your “reading” of āina beyond books/videos to include āina around you—your neighborhood, our pae āina, and the world.

Your Summer Reader also includes pre- and post-reading activities that will guide your summer reading experience, allowing for sharing of mo'olelo and reflection as you work to answer the question, [“Who You?”](#)

Page-wise, you have fewer pages to read in comparison to a full novel; however, you are expected to read...to ponder...to ingest...and to digest each selection, as well as, record/annotate your reflections—which means you are expected to actively engage with the text. Close-read analysis is a crucial skill on the AP exam that will prepare you for our class discussions in August, so “pay attention” to the specific details and take risks--trust your na'au--to interpret the meaning and author's intention. There is NO WRONG ANSWER—just an incomplete answer. The [“Mana'o Sheet”](#) link will direct you to the collection of literary work to read and view as well as space to record your kilo observations/reflections/interpretations.

Hopefully, you are intrigued, if not excited, by this multi-faceted approach to Summer Reading. Before your Senior Year begins, I will send a Canvas announcement directing you to the Summer Reading Assignment where you can upload your SR activities before our first day of class. Enjoy the experience, and if you have ANY questions, please email me at mokaiwi@ksbe.edu.

In the meantime, have a restful and relaxing summer! And I will see you in August.

Mālama,

Kumu Kaiwi