

## 2018-19 Advanced Placement English Language and Composition Preparatory Reading requirement: Synthesis Essay

As you read *Into the Wild*, *The Scarlet Letter*, and *Maggie: A Girl of the Streets*, trace the theme topic of alienation.

When you finish reading all three novels, you will write a 3-5 page paper analyzing the techniques the authors use to develop their message or theme on alienation. Techniques include but are not limited to: character, setting, point of view, diction, tone, symbolism.

### Questions to think about:

What does it mean to be alienated?

What are some factors that lead to alienation? (e.g. gender, race, social class)

How can alienation lead to oppression?

What are the authors' messages about alienation? What is the main similarity among these messages?

### Other requirements:

1. 3-5 pages double spaced, 12 point font
2. MLA format: proper header, title, page numbers
3. At least 2 quotations (with lead-ins and citations) from each text used as evidence
4. Turn into turnitin.com
5. Synthesis means to take parts and turn into a whole so you will need a thesis statement:
  - a. This will be a broad message about alienation that can apply to all three novels.
  - b. You don't need a qualifier but you may use one.
6. Printed copy due the first day of class: August 15, 2019