

## AP LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION

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### SUMMER READING AND ASSIGNMENTS – 2018

**Assignment #1:** Read three works that deal with the theme of “family” and that will provide you with sources for addressing the assertion provided below. The three novels are *East of Eden* by John Steinbeck, *As I Lay Dying* by William Faulkner, and *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini.

After reading each of these, consider the following assertion, and then write a one to two page paper in response to the book that includes two or three quotes (parenthetically cited of course). Here is the assertion:

*“All parents damage their children. It cannot be helped. Youth, like pristine glass, absorbs the prints of its handlers. Some parents smudge, others crack, a few shatter childhoods completely into jagged little pieces, beyond repair.”*

– *Mitch Albom, author of [The Five People You Meet in Heaven](#)*

You can turn them in one at a time as you complete them, or all at once, but they are all due by Wednesday, August 29. Submit your papers through Turnitin.com:

**Class ID: 18109779**

Class Password: orrok

You will also have reading tests on each of these novels during the first full week of school (September ), so take notes while you’re reading that reflect your thoughts about the characters, plot, theme, and narrative techniques. You may bring a small note card with you to each test.

**Assignment #2 (Due 9/21):** Poetry Analysis. We will be reading lots of poetry in AP Literature—not just because it’s great, but also because forty percent of the AP Lit Exam is poetry! To get us started, choose one poet to read on your own this summer. Select three poems by this poet, copy them, and mark text extensively. Finally write a two to three page analysis on **one** of the three poems and submit it along with the three marked copies. Consider such literary devices as tone, imagery, diction, metaphor, and selection of detail. You should probably also begin with a brief introduction to the poet. Also, you might include some mention of the other poems two poems you marked but did not choose to analyze in depth.

I would like a hard copy that you bring to class for a group activity and for me to grade, but I would also like you to submit it through Turnitin.com. Choose your poet from the list below or let me know of a different poet you would like to study.

Auden, W.H.	Bishop, Elizabeth
Coleridge, Samuel	Collins, Billy
Dickinson, Emily	Donne, John
Frost, Robert	Hughes, Langston
Keats, John	MacLeish, Archibald
Millay, Edna St. Vincent	Olds, Sharon
Parker, Dorothy	Plath, Sylvia
Poe, Edgar Allen	Rich, A
Rich, Adrienne	Roethke, Theodore
Sexton, Anne	Shakespeare, William
Shelley, Percy Bysshe	T.S. Eliot
Whitman, Walt	Wordsworth, William
e.e. cummings	Yeats, William Butler
Thomas, Dylan	Brooks, Gwendolyn
Angelou, Maya	Blake, William

**Assignment #3:** Keep reviewing your literary terms. We will have our first literary terms quiz in the month of September, before we start adding poetry terminology to your repertoire!

*Thank you for your interest in the AP Literature course. By all accounts, you're all wonderful students and avid readers, so I'm very excited about next year. In the meantime, enjoy the reading and have a great summer.*