



First Academy Leesburg

AP Literature Summer Reading 2020-21

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“Previous research has shown that children who do not read in the summer lose two to three months of reading development a year, while students who do read gain a month of reading proficiency. The result is a three- to four-month gap every year, which will snowball into a 1 ½--year gap between the time children complete kindergarten and the time they finish fifth grade.” Dr. Richard L. Allington

Due to the stressors and instability caused by COVID 19 and the changes students faced with distance learning, summer reading for AP students is optional (FOR THIS SUMMER ONLY.) Students are encouraged to read one or two books from the list below for extra credit. **There is no penalty for not completing this assignment!!!**

I cannot stress enough the importance of reading and don't want my students to get behind. Summer reading is a research-based practice which prevents students from losing knowledge gained in the previous school year. For the AP student, it also continues to enhance the fluency and comprehension vital for the AP classroom.

How it works:

For the FIRST book, students will receive:

- 50-point extra credit score averaged in for the 1st 9 weeks

For the SECOND book students will receive:

- 1 dress down day pass
- 1 homework pass

Parents will sign the bottom portion of this letter and students will turn by Friday of the first week of school.

AP students must choose from the list below. The books should NOT have been read before.

- *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury
- *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley
- *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe
- *Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck
- *A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway
- *The Lord of the Flies* by William Golding
- *Animal Farm* by George Orwell
- *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte
- *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen
- *Sense and Sensibility* by Jane Austen
- *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens
- *Hamlet* by William Shakespeare
- *1984* by George Orwell
- *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker
- *The Awakening* by Kate Chopin
- *Candide* by Voltaire
- *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles
- *Beowulf* translated by Seamus Heaney

In order to receive extra credit, this must be signed by all parties and turned in by the Friday of the first week of school, without exception unless prior consent has been given by Mrs. Iseminger or Mrs. Martin .

I, _____, attest to the fact that _____ read _____ book(s) from the list above this summer.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

School Staff Witness: _____

I, _____, attest to the fact that I read _____ book(s) from the list above this summer.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____