



**The Catholic High School of Baltimore
Summer Reading List**

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School Year: 2017-2018

Grade Level: 12

Course No.: 149

Course Name: AP English Literature

Academic Level: AP

AP Literature and Composition is a rigorous and demanding course requiring students to analyze, synthesize, and evaluate novels, plays, short stories, and poetry, as well as respond to writing prompts in which the literature is clearly discussed.

In preparation for the class, students will read and notate one novel, read and respond to five poems, and answer a writing prompt.

Take a deep breath because we are in this together and communication is key. I am available all summer to answer questions. You may contact me at kmitchell@thecatholichighschool.org.

All assignments are due on or before the first day of school unless otherwise stated.

Submitting assignments early gives me a head start on grading.

READING: One book is required.

Pride and Prejudice

Jane Austen

You will also read five poems of your choice. See Assignment 2 for details.

Assignment 1

Examining the Novel

Please answer the following about the novel. Keep your answers concise and clear.

1. **List** the top 10 most important events in the story. Label one of those events as the turning point.
2. Identify 10 thought-provoking or noteworthy quotes. Identify the speaker, chapter, and page number (if possible). In 1-2 sentences state why the quote is significant. You may have more than one quote per character.
3. Characters: List the characters and write one thing you like and one thing you dislike about each.
4. Setting: Briefly describe the setting. Is it important to the plot?

Assignment 2: Writing an Essay

Complete the following prompt for the novel. The essay is due no later than August 25. Please email it to me at kmitchell@thecatholichighschool.org. An early due date allows me to score the essay and return it to you on the first day of school. An AP English Literature Writing Rubric will be used to score this essay.

It has often been said what we value can be determined only by what we sacrifice. Consider how this statement applies to a character from the novel. Select a character who has deliberately sacrificed, surrendered, or forfeited something in a way that highlights the character's values. Then write a well-organized essay in which you analyze how the particular sacrifice illuminates the character's values and provides a deeper understanding of the work as a whole. Support your answer with specific text references using MLA citations.

Assignment 3: Examining Poetry

1. Select and read one poem from each of the five poets listed.

Emily Dickinson
Langston Hughes
Sappho
William Wordsworth
Elizabeth Barrett Browning

2. Answer the following questions about each poem read.

Title: What predictions can you make from the title? What are your initial thoughts about the poem?

Paraphrase: State the meaning of the poem in your own words.

Attitude: What attitude does the poet have toward the subject of the poem? Find and list examples that illustrate the tone and mood of the poem.

Theme: What is the overall theme of the poem?

Your Thoughts: Why did you pick this poem?