

Summer Reading 2022-2023

AP Literature & Composition - Senior

Required Reading:*

- *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury

"Guy Montag is a fireman. His job is to destroy the most illegal of commodities, the printed book, along with the houses in which they are hidden. Montag never questions the destruction and ruin his actions produce, returning each day to his bland life and wife, Mildred, who spends all day with her television "family." But when he meets an eccentric young neighbor, Clarisse, who introduces him to a past where people didn't live in fear and to a present where one sees the world through the ideas in books instead of the mindless chatter of television, Montag begins to question everything he has ever known." (Amazon)

https://smile.amazon.com/Fahrenheit-451-Ray-Bradbury/dp/1451673310/ref=sr_1_1?crid=2PNTXAHDY6OK4&dchild=1&keywords=fahrenheit+451+ray+bradbury&qid=162137739_4&srefix=fahrenheit+%2Caps%2C191&sr=8-1

Classic choice (select 1 from the following list):*

- *Don Quixote* by Miguel de Cervantes

"Don Quixote has become so entranced reading tales of chivalry that he decides to turn knight errant himself. In the company of his faithful squire, Sancho Panza, these exploits blossom in all sorts of wonderful ways. While Quixote's fancy often leads him astray—he tilts at windmills, imagining them to be giants—Sancho acquires cunning and a certain sagacity. Sane madman and wise fool, they roam the world together—and together they have haunted readers' imaginations for nearly four hundred years. Often considered to be the first modern novel, *Don Quixote* is a wonderful burlesque of the popular literature with which its disordered protagonist is obsessed." (Amazon)

https://smile.amazon.com/Quixote-Penguin-Classics-Cervantes-Saavedra/dp/0142437239/?ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?_encoding=UTF8&qid=1618516445&sr=8-2

- *Dracula* by Bram Stoker

"When Jonathan Harker visits Transylvania to help Count Dracula with the purchase of a London house, he makes a series of horrific discoveries about his client. Soon afterwards, various bizarre incidents unfold in England: an apparently unmanned ship is wrecked off the coast of Whitby, a young woman discovers strange puncture marks on her neck and the inmate of a lunatic asylum raves about the 'Master' and his imminent arrival.

In *Dracula*, Bram Stoker created one of the great masterpieces of the horror genre, brilliantly evoking a nightmare world of vampires and vampire hunters and also illuminating the dark corners of Victorian sexuality and desire." (Amazon)

https://smile.amazon.com/Dracula-Wordsworth-Classics-Bram-Stoker/dp/185326086X/ref=sr_1_3?dchild=1&keywords=dracula+classics&qid=1618516552&sr=8-3

- *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte

"Lockwood, the new tenant of Thrushcross Grange, situated on the bleak Yorkshire moors, is forced to seek shelter one night at Wuthering Heights, the home of his landlord. There he discovers the history of the tempestuous events that took place years before. What unfolds is the tale of the intense love between the gypsy foundling Heathcliff and Catherine Earnshaw. Catherine, forced to choose between passionate, tortured Heathcliff and gentle, well-bred Edgar Linton, surrendered to the expectations of her class. As Heathcliff's bitterness and vengeance at his betrayal is visited upon the next generation, their innocent heirs must struggle to escape the legacy of the past." (Amazon)

https://smile.amazon.com/Wuthering-Heights-Penguin-Classics-Bront%C3%AB/dp/0141439556/ref=sr_1_3?dchild=1&keywords=wuthering+heights+paperback&qid=1618516626&sr=8-3

- *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens

"Charles Dickens's *Great Expectations* charts the course of orphan Pip Pirrip's life as it is transformed by a vast, mysterious inheritance. A terrifying encounter with the escaped convict Abel Magwitch in a graveyard on the wild Kent marshes; a summons to meet the bitter, decrepit Miss Havisham and her beautiful, cold-hearted ward Estella at Satis House; the sudden generosity of a mysterious benefactor - these form a series of events that change the orphaned Pip's life forever, and he eagerly abandons his humble station as an apprentice to blacksmith Joe Gargery, beginning a new life as a gentleman. Charles Dickens's haunting late novel depicts Pip's education and development through adversity as he discovers the true nature of his identity, and his 'great expectations'." (Amazon)

https://smile.amazon.com/Expectations-Penguin-Classics-Charles-Dickens/dp/0141439564/ref=sr_1_4?dchild=1&keywords=great+expectations+paperback+unabridged&qid=1618516052&sr=8-4

- *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen

"Few have failed to be charmed by the witty and independent spirit of Elizabeth Bennet in Austen's beloved classic *Pride and Prejudice*. When Elizabeth Bennet first meets eligible bachelor Fitzwilliam Darcy, she thinks him arrogant and conceited; he is indifferent to her good looks and lively mind. When she later discovers that Darcy has involved himself in the troubled relationship between his friend Bingley and her beloved sister Jane, she is determined to dislike him more than ever. In the sparkling comedy of manners that follows, Jane Austen shows us the folly of judging by first impressions and superbly evokes the

friendships, gossip and snobberies of provincial middle-class life. " (Amazon)
[https://smile.amazon.com/Pride-Prejudice-Jane-Austen/dp/0141439513/ref=sr_1_1?
crid=2X1WOA6XZRTGZ&keywords=pride+and+prejudice+penguin+classics&qid=1618516118&spref_ix=pride+and+prejudice+penguin%2Caps%2C180&sr=8-1](https://smile.amazon.com/Pride-Prejudice-Jane-Austen/dp/0141439513/ref=sr_1_1?crid=2X1WOA6XZRTGZ&keywords=pride+and+prejudice+penguin+classics&qid=1618516118&spref_ix=pride+and+prejudice+penguin%2Caps%2C180&sr=8-1)

- *Moll Flanders* by Daniel Defoe

"*The Fortunes & Misfortunes of the Famous Moll Flanders* (aka *Moll Flanders*) is a novel by Daniel Defoe, first published in 1722. It purports to be the true account of the life of the eponymous Moll, detailing her exploits from birth until old age.

By 1721, Defoe had become a recognised novelist, with the success of *Robinson Crusoe* in 1719. His political work was tapering off at this point, due to the fall of both Whig and Tory party leaders with whom he had been associated (Robert Walpole was beginning his rise). Defoe was never fully at home with the Walpole group. Defoe's Whig views are nevertheless evident in the story of Moll. The novel's full title gives some insight into this and the outline of the plot: 'The Fortunes & Misfortunes of the Famous Moll Flanders, &c. Who was Born in Newgate, & during a Life of continu'd Variety for Threescore Years, besides her Childhood, was Twelve Year a Whore, five times a Wife (whereof once to her own Brother), Twelve Year a Thief, Eight Year a Transported Felon in Virginia, at last grew Rich, liv'd Honest, & died a Penitent. Written from her own Memorandums.'" (Goodreads)

[https://smile.amazon.com/Moll-Flanders-Norton-Critical-Editions/dp/0393978621/
ref=sr_1_1?crid=1KXY8SFT4A07V&keywords=moll+flanders+norton&qid=1647044395&sprefix=moll+flanders+norton%2Caps%2C64&sr=8-1](https://smile.amazon.com/Moll-Flanders-Norton-Critical-Editions/dp/0393978621/ref=sr_1_1?crid=1KXY8SFT4A07V&keywords=moll+flanders+norton&qid=1647044395&sprefix=moll+flanders+norton%2Caps%2C64&sr=8-1)

- *Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift

"*Gulliver's Travels* describes the four voyages of Lemuel Gulliver, a ship's surgeon. In Lilliput he discovers a world in miniature; towering over the people and their city, he is able to view their society from the viewpoint of a god. However, in Brobdingnag, a land of giants, tiny Gulliver himself comes under observation, exhibited as a curiosity at markets and fairs. In Laputa, a flying island, he encounters a society of speculators and projectors who have lost all grip on everyday reality; while they plan and calculate, their country lies in ruins. Gulliver's final voyage takes him to the land of the Houyhnhnms, gentle horses whom he quickly comes to admire - in contrast to the Yahoos, filthy bestial creatures who bear a disturbing resemblance to humans." (Amazon)

https://smile.amazon.com/Gullivers-Travels-Penguin-Classics-Jonathan/dp/0141439491/ref=sr_1_1?crid=3H6PMXJLTQ8L6&keywords=Gulliver%27s+travels+penguin&qid=1647044460&sprefix=gulliver%27s+travels+penguin%2Caps%2C78&sr=8-1

- *The Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad

"*Heart of Darkness* is the thrilling tale of Marlow, a seaman and wanderer recounting his physical and psychological journey in search of the infamous ivory trader Kurtz. Traveling upriver into the heart of the African continent, he

gradually becomes obsessed by this enigmatic, wraith-like figure. Marlow's discovery of how Kurtz has gained his position of power over the local people involves him in a radical questioning, not only of his own nature and values, but of those that underpin Western civilization itself." (Amazon)

https://smile.amazon.com/Heart-Darkness-Penguin-Classics-Deluxe/dp/0143106589/ref=sr_1_1?crid=1

[3Y95H9O1AUYO&keywords=the+heart+of+darkness+penguin&qid=1647045139&sr=8-1](https://smile.amazon.com/Heart-Darkness-Penguin-Classics-Deluxe/dp/0143106589/ref=sr_1_1?crid=13Y95H9O1AUYO&keywords=the+heart+of+darkness+penguin&qid=1647045139&sr=8-1)

Modern/Contemporary choice (select 1 from the following list):*

- *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee-----some mature content

"In the early 1900s, teenaged Sunja, the adored daughter of a crippled fisherman, falls for a wealthy stranger at the seashore near her home in Korea. He promises her the world, but when she discovers she is pregnant — and that her lover is married — she refuses to be bought. Instead, she accepts an offer of marriage from a gentle, sickly minister passing through on his way to Japan. But her decision to abandon her home, and to reject her son's powerful father, sets off a dramatic saga that will echo down through the generations.

Richly told and profoundly moving, *Pachinko* is a story of love, sacrifice, ambition, and loyalty. From bustling street markets to the halls of Japan's finest universities to the pachinko parlors of the criminal underworld, Lee's complex and passionate characters — strong, stubborn women, devoted sisters and sons, fathers shaken by moral crisis — survive and thrive against the indifferent arc of history." (Goodreads)

https://smile.amazon.com/Pachinko-National-Book-Award-Finalist/dp/1455563927/ref=sr_1_1?crid=B1

[DDF47IIGHJ&keywords=pachinko+by+min+jin+lee+paperback&qid=1642720612&sr=8-1](https://smile.amazon.com/Pachinko-National-Book-Award-Finalist/dp/1455563927/ref=sr_1_1?crid=B1DDF47IIGHJ&keywords=pachinko+by+min+jin+lee+paperback&qid=1642720612&sr=8-1)

- *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros

"Acclaimed by critics, beloved by readers of all ages, taught everywhere from inner-city grade schools to universities across the country, and translated all over the world, *The House on Mango Street* is the remarkable story of Esperanza Cordero.

Told in a series of vignettes – sometimes heartbreaking, sometimes deeply joyous – it is the story of a young Latina girl growing up in Chicago, inventing for herself who and what she will become. Few other books in our time have touched so many readers." (Amazon)

https://smile.amazon.com/House-Mango-Street-Sandra-Cisneros/dp/0679734775/ref=sr_1_1?

[dchild=1&keywords=house+on+mango+street+paperback&qid=1618516716&sr=8-1](https://smile.amazon.com/House-Mango-Street-Sandra-Cisneros/dp/0679734775/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=house+on+mango+street+paperback&qid=1618516716&sr=8-1)

- *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr

"Marie-Laure lives in Paris near the Museum of Natural History, where her father works. When she is twelve, the Nazis occupy Paris and father and daughter flee to the walled citadel of Saint-Malo, where Marie-Laure's reclusive great uncle lives in a tall house by the sea. With them they carry what might be the museum's most valuable and dangerous jewel.

In a mining town in Germany, Werner Pfennig, an orphan, grows up with his younger sister, enchanted by a crude radio they find that brings them news and stories from places they have never seen or imagined. Werner becomes an expert at building and fixing these crucial new instruments and is enlisted to use his talent to track down the resistance. Deftly interweaving the lives of Marie-Laure and Werner, Doerr illuminates the ways, against all odds, people try to be good to one another." (Amazon)

https://smile.amazon.com/All-Light-We-Cannot-See/dp/1501173219/ref=sr_1_1?crid=3GJ01FFQVM99C&dchild=1&keywords=all+the+light+we+cannot+see+paperback&qid=1618516745&prefix=all+the+%2Caps%2C193&sr=8-1

- *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini

"The unforgettable, heartbreaking story of the unlikely friendship between a wealthy boy and the son of his father's servant, caught in the tragic sweep of history, *The Kite Runner* transports readers to Afghanistan at a tense and crucial moment of change and destruction. A powerful story of friendship, it is also about the power of reading, the price of betrayal, and the possibility of redemption; and an exploration of the power of fathers over sons—their love, their sacrifices, their lies." (Amazon)

https://smile.amazon.com/Kite-Runner-Khaled-Hosseini/dp/159463193X/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=the+kite+runner+paperback&qid=1618516227&sr=8-1

- *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi

"One of Oprah's Best Books of the Year and a PEN/Hemingway award winner, *Homegoing* follows the parallel paths of these sisters and their descendants through eight generations: from the Gold Coast to the plantations of Mississippi, from the American Civil War to Jazz Age Harlem. Yaa Gyasi's extraordinary novel illuminates slavery's troubled legacy both for those who were taken and those who stayed—and shows how the memory of captivity has been inscribed on the soul of our nation." (Amazon)

https://smile.amazon.com/Homegoing-Yaa-Gyasi/dp/1101971061/ref=sr_1_1?crid=OYNHLLBVO6C8&dchild=1&keywords=homegoing+by+yaa+gyasi+paperback&qid=1618516250&prefix=homegoing%2Caps%2C185&sr=8-1

- *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah—some mature content

"Texas, 1934. Millions are out of work and a drought has broken the Great Plains. Farmers are fighting to keep their land and their livelihoods as the crops are failing, the water is drying up, and dust threatens to bury them all. One of the

darkest periods of the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl era, has arrived with a vengeance.

In this uncertain and dangerous time, Elsa Martinelli—like so many of her neighbors—must make an agonizing choice: fight for the land she loves or go west, to California, in search of a better life. *The Four Winds* is an indelible portrait of America and the American Dream, as seen through the eyes of one indomitable woman whose courage and sacrifice will come to define a generation.” (Goodreads)

https://smile.amazon.com/Four-Winds-Novel-Kristin-Hannah/dp/1250178606/?encoding=UTF8&pd_rd_w=rwKkv&pf_rd_p=29505bbf-38bd-47ef-8224-a5dd0cda2bae&pf_rd_r=KY30CWEAM44ZBEXEQJMQ&pd_rd_r=5e558199-22e2-4376-993e-747e798f85cc&pd_rd_wg=wdvjn&ref=pd_gw_ci_mcx_mr_hp_atf_m

- *Kindred* by Octavia Butler

“The visionary author’s masterpiece pulls us—along with her Black female hero—through time to face the horrors of slavery and explore the impacts of racism, sexism, and white supremacy then and now.

Dana, a modern black woman, is celebrating her twenty-sixth birthday with her new husband when she is snatched abruptly from her home in California and transported to the antebellum South. Rufus, the white son of a plantation owner, is drowning, and Dana has been summoned to save him. Dana is drawn back repeatedly through time to the slave quarters, and each time the stay grows longer, more arduous, and more dangerous until it is uncertain whether or not Dana’s life will end, long before it has a chance to begin.” (Amazon)

https://smile.amazon.com/Kindred-Octavia-Butler/dp/0807083690/ref=sr_1_1?crid=3NUKNFDMVU0A1&keywords=kindred+octavia+butler&qid=1618516287&srefix=kindred+o c %2Caps%2C181&sr=8-1

- *One Hundred Years of Solitude* by Gabriel García Márquez

From the Nobel Prize winning novelist, this epic tale of seven generations of the Buendia family spans a hundred years of Latin American history. The brilliant, bestselling, landmark novel chronicles the irreconcilable conflict between the desire for solitude and the need for love—in rich, imaginative prose that has come to define an entire genre known as “magical realism.” One of the most significant works in the Spanish literary canon, Pablo Neruda called it “The greatest revelation in the Spanish language since *Don Quixote*.” (Amazon)

https://smile.amazon.com/Hundred-Solitude-Harper-Perennial-Classics/dp/0060883286/ref=sr_1_1?crid=1QZ6W7RYYQYPB&dchild=1&keywords=one+hundred+years+of+solitude&qid=1618516306 & srefix=one+hundred+%2Caps%2C199&sr=8-1

- *A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving

"In the summer of 1953, two eleven-year-old boys—best friends—are playing in a Little League baseball game in Gravesend, New Hampshire. One of the boys hits a foul ball that kills the other boy's mother. The boy who hits the ball doesn't believe in accidents; Owen Meany believes he is God's instrument. What happens to Owen after that 1953 foul ball is extraordinary." (Amazon)

[https://smile.amazon.com/Prayer-Owen-Meany-Novel/dp/0062204092/ref=sr_1_1?
keywords=a+prayer+for+owen+meany&qid=1618516731&sr=8-1](https://smile.amazon.com/Prayer-Owen-Meany-Novel/dp/0062204092/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=a+prayer+for+owen+meany&qid=1618516731&sr=8-1)

- *The Gift of Rain* by Tan Tan Eng

"In 1939, 16-year-old Philip Hutton - the half-Chinese, half-English youngest child of the head of one of Penang's great trading families - feels alienated from both the Chinese and British communities. He at last discovers a sense of belonging in his unexpected friendship with Hayato Endo, a Japanese diplomat. Philip proudly shows his new friend around his adored island, and in return Endo teaches him about Japanese language and culture and trains him in the art and discipline of aikido. But such knowledge comes at a terrible price. When the Japanese savagely invade Malaya, Philip realizes that his mentor and sensei - to whom he owes absolute loyalty - is a Japanese spy. Young Philip has been an unwitting traitor, and must now work in secret to save as many lives as possible, even as his own family is brought to its knees." (Amazon)

[https://smile.amazon.com/Gift-Rain-Tan-Twan-Eng/dp/1602860742/ref=sr_1_1?
dchild=1&keywords=the+gift+of+rain+paperback&qid=1618516812&sr=8-1](https://smile.amazon.com/Gift-Rain-Tan-Twan-Eng/dp/1602860742/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=the+gift+of+rain+paperback&qid=1618516812&sr=8-1)

****Students should be prepared for an assessment on the required text on the first full day of school. Students are required to complete a summer reading guide for each choice text. Reading guides are posted on Google Classroom. Students will be assessed on each of the choice texts.***

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eBooks are acceptable options.