

## AP LITERATURE & COMPOSITION: BOOKS AND SUMMER READING 2017-2018

Saint Francis High School

You will need the following texts for this course:

*The Poisonwood Bible*, by Barbara Kingsolver (ISBN: 978-0061577079)  
*The Importance of Being Earnest and Other Plays*, by Oscar Wilde (ISBN: 978-0199535972)  
*Brave New World*, by Aldous Huxley (ISBN: 978-0060850524)  
*Hamlet*, by William Shakespeare (ISBN: 978-1451669411)  
*The Things They Carried*, by Tim O'Brien (ISBN: 978-0544309760)  
*The World's Greatest Short Stories*, Daley, Ed. (ISBN: 978-0486447162)  
*English Victorian Poetry, an Anthology*, Negri, Ed. (ISBN: 978-0486404257)  
Additional Novel TBD (Outside Reading Project)

ISBN numbers have been included next to each book so that you will be certain to purchase the correct edition. Please note that editions have been determined for specific reasons: inclusion of critical essays, ease in annotating, quality of reader notes, etc. You will need to show that you have obtained all of the correct texts at the start of the course. Do **NOT** purchase editions other than those indicated.

Your summer readings are:

- 1) *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver
- 2) A novel chosen from the list given below.

### Choice Novel

In addition to Kingsolver's novel, you are to read a novel/play from the list given below. Make sure you select a work that you think you will truly enjoy, and which you have NOT read before. **List A** features well-written novels with high entertainment value—mysteries, adventures, romances, comedies, etc. **List B** features works taught in previous years of AP Literature and Composition but not included in this year's readings—these generally are much more serious and demanding works. **List C** consists of some of my favorite novels (though please do not be swayed by that) and which I believe are incredibly valuable works of literature. You will **not** be given an objective test in August on the novel assignment; however, your first major writing assignment will be on this choice novel. As such, it is imperative that you read it *thoughtfully* and *carefully*.

#### List A

*The Blind Assassin* by Margaret Atwood  
*Emma* by Jane Austen  
*Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte  
*In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote  
*The Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexandre Dumas  
*A Room with a View* by E.M. Forster  
*Vanity Fair* by William Makepeace Thackeray  
*Dracula* by Bram Stoker

#### List B

*Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte  
*Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad  
*Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens  
*Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoyevsky  
*Lord of the Flies* by William Golding  
*Catch-22* by Joseph Heller  
*A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway  
*Nineteen Eighty-Four* by George Orwell  
*Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley  
*Anna Karenina* by Leo Tolstoy  
*A Streetcar Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams

#### List C

*Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe  
*Mansfield Park* by Jane Austen  
*Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison  
*Light in August* by William Faulkner  
*One Hundred Years of Solitude* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez  
*Snow Falling on Cedars* by David Guterson  
*A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving  
*Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt  
*Beloved* by Toni Morrison  
*Lolita* by Vladimir Nabokov  
*A Long Day's Journey Into Night* by Eugene O'Neill  
*Othello* by William Shakespeare  
*East of Eden* by John Steinbeck  
*Slaughterhouse Five* by Kurt Vonnegut