

**Saint Francis High School**  
**English Department**  
**A.P. Language and Composition**  
**Summer Reading 2020**

For the 2020-2021 school year, students in AP Language and Composition (formerly Honors American Literature) are required to complete the following tasks prior to the first day of instruction:

- 1) **Read and annotate John Steinbeck’s *The Grapes of Wrath* [ISBN: 9780143039431].**  
During the first week of school, students will be tested, participate in shared-inquiry seminar discussions, and complete a formal writing assignment on the novel. Please make sure to purchase the correct edition.
  
- 2) **Read and annotate the following four essays from *50 Great Essays, 6th Edition* [ISBN: 978-1319194468] and then type your thoughtful and thorough responses to the questions indicated in parentheses.** Please follow MLA requirements (header, double-spacing, 12-point font, 1-inch margins) and make sure to label your responses by referring to the page and question number. Your responses to these questions will be collected on the first day of school, but we will continue to use *50 Great Essays* throughout the school year, so you must purchase a personal copy of the book.
  - a) “Serving in Florida” by Barbara Ehrenreich (questions 3&5 on page 143)
  - b) “On Dumpster Diving” by Lars Eighner (questions 2&4 on page 156)
  - c) “The Lowest Animal” by Mark Twain (questions 2&4 on pages 425-426)
  - d) “The Refugee Crisis Isn’t About Refugees...” by Ai WeiWei (questions 3&4 on page 430)

In addition to the required reading noted above, students looking to enrich their cultural literacy may choose an *optional* title from the following list of suggested American works:

Malcolm X, *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*  
Anthony Doerr, *All The Light We Cannot See*  
Jonathan Safran Foer, *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*  
Sue Monk Kidd, *The Invention of Wings*  
Kurt Vonnegut, *Slaughterhouse Five*  
Barbara Kingsolver, *The Bean Trees*  
Maya Angelou, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*