

## AP LITERATURE & COMPOSITION: BOOKS AND SUMMER READING 2018-2019

Saint Francis High School

You will need the following texts for this course:

*East of Eden*, John Steinbeck (ISBN-10: 0140186395)

*The Importance of Being Earnest and Other Plays*, Oscar Wilde (ISBN: 978-0199535972)

*Brave New World*, Aldous Huxley (ISBN: 978-0060850524)

*Hamlet*, William Shakespeare (ISBN: 978-1451669411)

*The Things They Carried*, 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) *East of Eden* by John Steinbeck

2) A novel chosen from the list given below.

### Choice Novel

In addition to Steinbeck's novel, you must 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

*Mansfield Park* by Jane Austen

*Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte

*Wuthering Heights* by Emily

Bronte

*In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote

*The Count of Monte Cristo* by

Alexandre Dumas

*Dracula* by Bram Stoker

*Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley

#### List B

*The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara

Kingsolver

*Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad

*Great Expectations* by Charles

Dickens

*Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor

Dostoyevsky

*Catch-22* by Joseph Heller

*A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest

Hemingway

*Nineteen Eighty-Four* by George

Orwell

*Anna Karenina* by Leo Tolstoy

#### List C

*Things Fall Apart* by Chinua

Achebe

*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

*Beloved* by Toni Morrison

*Lolita* by Vladimir Nabokov

*A Streetcar Named Desire* by Tennessee  
Williams\*\*

*A Long Day's Journey Into Night*  
by Eugene O'Neill\*\*

*Othello* by William Shakespeare

*Slaughterhouse Five* by Kurt

Vonnegut

*The Plague* by Albert Camus

\*\*If you select this play, then you are committing to reading both *A Streetcar Named Desire* as well as *A Long Day's Journey Into Night*.