



St. Stanislaus College

2012-2013 Summer Reading List

The following works of literature are to be read during the summer prior to the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year. Students should read the stories for the grade level which they are entering. Students will be held accountable for their reading within the first month of school, and the assessment will be part of their first quarter grade. Many of these books will be available at Bay Books on Main Street in Bay St. Louis.

7th Grade

- *Woodsong* by Gary Paulsen
- *My Side of the Mountain* by Jeanne Craighead George

8th Grade

- *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck
- *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen

English I

- *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles
- *A River Runs Through It* by Norman Maclean

English I Honors

- *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury
- *The Lord of the Flies* by William Golding

English II

- *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis
- *A Walk Across America* by Peter Jenkins

English II Honors

- *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis
- *A Walk Across America* by Peter Jenkins
- *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest Gaines

English III

- *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- Short stories: "The Black Cat," "Murders in the Rue Morgue," "Never Bet the Devil Your Head" by Edgar Allen Poe. (You may access these at PoeStories.com or you may purchase a collection of his short stories).

English III Honors

- *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- *The Glass Menagerie* by Tennessee Williams

In addition to the summer reading requirement, English III (Honors) students must complete the following work. This will be due the first day of class: Write a two to three page essay on one of the two readings. Analyze character, theme, and/or language.

English III Advanced Placement

- *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- *The Glass Menagerie* by Tennessee Williams
- Short stories: “The Black Cat,” “The Cask of Amontillado,” “Murders in the Rue Morgue,” “Never Bet the Devil Your Head,” and “The Tell-Tale Heart” by Edgar Allan Poe. (You may access these at PoeStories.com or you may purchase a collection of his short stories).

In addition to the summer reading requirement, English III (AP) students must complete the following work. This will be due the first day of class:

Select one of the reading assignments and write a well-developed, three to five page essay in which you analyze the major elements of the novel, play, or short stories (all five). This formal essay is to be typed, double spaced using a clear font in 12 point.

English IV

- *Grendel* by John Gardner
- *War of the Worlds* by H. G. Wells

English IV Honors

- *Grendel* by John Gardner (to be tested in class)
- *1984* by George Orwell (complete essay below)

In addition to the summer reading requirement, English IV (Honors) students must complete the following work due the first day of class. Using proper MLA format and 12 point font, write a well-developed essay answering one of the following prompts regarding the novel *1984*:

1. What political issues presented in *1984* plague American today? (For example: consider policies related to law-making, freedom of speech, and discrimination issues.)
2. What technological advances addressed in *1984* present continued ethical implications today? (For example: consider television, media, and computer use.)

English IV Advanced Placement

1. You must read George Orwell’s *1984* and write an essay, in MLA format being sure to use textual evidence to support your position on ONE of the following questions:
 - What political issues presented in *1984* plague America today?
 - What technological advances addressed in *1984* present continued ethical implications today?
2. You must read TWO novels from one of the sets of literature listed below AND write an essay based on the question presented with the set of literature you selected.
 - a. SET 1: *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley
Grendel by John Gardner
Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

Question: What common ethical issues are addressed in each novel?

- b. SET 2: *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck
Cry, The Beloved Country by Alan Paton
Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry (this is a play)

Question: Many of the characters in these pieces undertake pilgrimages or journeys, both physically and emotionally. Pick two characters and describe their journeys.

English IV Advanced Placement students are to purchase:

- *Reading, Writing, and the Humanities* by JoRay McCuen and Anthony C. Winkler. ISBN number: 0-15-575512-9.