

AP 12 Literature and Composition Summer Reading Requirements

Students enrolled in AP 12 Literature and Composition will be required to read four books over the summer in preparation for the course. The required summer reading is as follows:

A Doll's House by Henrik Ibsen

Brave New World by Aldous Huxley

Lucky by Alice Sebold

Mythology by Edith Hamilton

Assignment for *Lucky*

Create response journals that focus on how the book makes a profound impact on the reader. For example, if the book initiates a change in the way the reader thinks or feels about the subject matter then the student can identify the elements of the book that brought about change.

The response journal should be double-spaced and typed in 12 pt. Times New Roman font with 1" margins. Students should create a 1-page journal for every two chapters in the book.

Assignment for *Brave New World*

Write a song or poem that projects a major theme of the book and perform it for the group. For example, if one major theme of the book were love and sacrifice then the song or poem would express that same theme in an original way.

The song or poem should be a minimum of 30 lines and 150 words. The students should also turn in a double spaced hard copy that has been typed in 12 pt. Times New Roman font with 1" margins. See attached rubric for further grading criteria.

Assignment for *A Doll's House*

As you read, take copious notes concerning the characterization of Nora. Pay special attention to the ways in which her character changes and develops throughout the play. Consider her values/attitudes, actions, language, and other character's reactions to her. During the first week of school, you will write an in-class essay (using your notes) that will focus on Nora's character.

Assignment for *Mythology*

As you read, create a family tree to show how the *major* gods and goddesses. Students may use symbols between the characters to denote a relationship outside of the realm of father/child, husband/wife, etc. In addition to the names of the characters, students should also use a symbol to denote whether the character is male or female. The family tree may be hand-drawn or computer generated.

Assignments for *Lucky*, *Brave New World*, and *Mythology* are due the first day of class. Notes for *A Doll's House* are due the first day of class. The in-class essay will be written within the first week of school. Ten (10) points per day will be deducted for late submission of assignments.

Should students have questions or concerns about these assignments over the summer, they may e-mail Miss Wolk at wolkaca@cps.k12.va.us. She will check her e-mail on a weekly basis at least.

