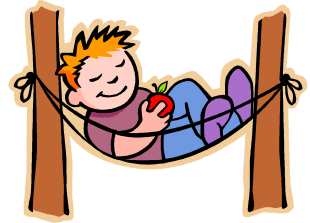




## AP English Literature and Composition Summer Assignments 2014



### Goals:

You will explore a variety of genres and literary periods, critically read awesome works that touch the human soul, write masterfully about the literature you encounter, habituate yourself to the rigor of college-bound work, acquire a set of analytical skills you will use throughout your lives, and pass the AP Exam!

### Admission Policy:

This course has an open admission policy that requires a strong work ethic and the desire to genuinely learn from others. All students who want to strengthen their analytical thinking, reading, and writing skills belong in AP English.

### Summer Assignments:

- Dear Ms. Tran:**  
Please email me a short, 3-paragraph letter telling me something great, unique, or important about you that I should know as your teacher. My email address is [ngockylam@gmail.com](mailto:ngockylam@gmail.com). On the subject box, write “AP Student” so that I can easily recognize your email. I expect to hear from you by July 1, 2014. If you don’t email me in time, you will miss out on crucial instructions and activities.
- Literary Terms Review**  
Go to our class website [www.mstranenglish.weebly.com](http://www.mstranenglish.weebly.com) and click on the “Literary Terms” page in order to access all the words. Study, study, study! Your 1<sup>st</sup> test will be on these words during the first week of school.
- Summer Reading**  
Before the summer starts, go to our library and check out **1** of the following literary works to read (Be sure to tell our librarian, Ms. Moreno, that you need the book all summer long):  
*Invisible Man*                      *A Separate Peace*                      *The Good Earth*                      *The Awakening*  
Diligently read the novel in July and be ready to discuss the work in August on our class website discussion forum (more details below). You may go online and get a quick review of the novel to see if it’s of interest to you, before you make a choice. Your 2<sup>nd</sup> test will be on your chosen novel during the second week of school.
- Discussion Forum (in August)**  
I invite you to join our discussion forum at [www.mstranenglish.weebly.com](http://www.mstranenglish.weebly.com). You will be expected to write on the blog to answer the posted questions for the novel that you read.
- Poetry Recital**  
Choose one poem from William Shakespeare’s Sonnets to study and memorize. You can look up Shakespeare’s Sonnets online. An accessible webpage is <http://www.shakespeares-sonnets.com>. The poetry recital will occur by the second week of school.
- Shmoop Diagnostic Exam and Drills**  
Expect an email from me about your shmoop.com account where you are required to take the Diagnostic Exam and do the Drills. Remember, I cannot email you until you have emailed me!