

AP Language and Composition

Summer Reading Assignment 2022

"There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, 'Thy will be done,' and those to whom God says, in the end, 'Thy will be done.' All that are in Hell, choose it. Without that self-choice there could be no Hell. No soul that seriously and constantly desires joy will ever miss it. Those who seek, find. Those who knock, it is opened."
– C.S. Lewis

Books: *Left to Tell* by Immaculee Ilibagiza and a novel from the options listed in part 2

PART I – *Left to Tell* by Immaculee Ilibagiza

- 1) Read *Left to Tell*.
- 2) Prepare for your Socratic Seminar and AP Writing assignment by being able to identify where you can find important passages from the book.
- 3) For your Socratic Seminar, I will provide four major questions for you to talk about. The questions will relate to the following ideas: the problem of evil, suffering, faith, love, forgiveness, conscience, ethnic divide, and morality. You must be able to bring in textual evidence during the discussion. You must also be able to reference specific events in the book during the discussion.

PART II – Choice Novel (I would “Google” the various choices and pick one you would be the most interested in).

The purpose of this additional reading assignment is for you to enter into a great story and read for the sake of reading. Stories are part of who we are as human beings, and my goal is for you to become lifelong readers. **Obviously, I will have no way of knowing whether or not you actually choose something you have not read. I encourage you to choose something you have not read.** Please choose one of the following options:

Fantasy / Adventure / Dystopia / Christian allegory

- The first four books of *The Rangers' Apprentice Series* by John Flanagan – You must read the **first four. Don't worry; it is an easy read. If you love adventure, honor, and chivalry you will LOVE this series.**
- Any three books of the series *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis
- *The Binding of the Blade* and *The Bringer of Storms* by L.B. Graham – **This has a *Lord of the Rings* feel to it. If you appreciate Christian allegory, you will like this.**
- Choose 1 out of the 3 books from the *Lord of the Rings* series by J.R.R. Tolkien - **If you are not familiar with the movies or this series, I would begin with the first one.**
- Choose 1 out of the 3 C.S. Lewis books: *Till We Have Faces*, *The Screwtape Letters*, *Perelandra*
- Choose 2 out of the following 3 books from *The Giver* series by Lois Lowry: *The Giver*, *The Messenger*, *Son*

Classics

- *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott
- 2 books from *The Anne of Green Gables* series
- *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen – **My all-time favorite!**
- Choose 3 of the following fun children's classics: *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth George Speare, *The Bronze Bow* by Elizabeth George Speare, *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt, *The Princess Bride* by William Goldman, anything from the *Anne of Green Gable* series, *Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm* by Kate Douglas Wiggin

- *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte – **Intense, but rich and beautiful; this can be hard comprehension wise.**
- *The Scarlett Pimpernel* by Baroness Orczy – **Precursor to Zorro, Batman, and any superhero with a hidden identity.**
- *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles
- *Around the World in 80 Days* by Jules Verne

Great non-fiction (It would be helpful to Google the following if you are interested).

- *Clouds: A Memoir* by Laura Sobiech
- *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand
- *He Leadeth Me* by Fr. Walter Cizek
- *Rome Sweet Home* by Scott Hahn (Basically, Scott Hahn's conversion story to Catholicism...very delightful read).

- 1) Read the option you chose (I hope you chose something fun for yourselves).
- 2) Prepare for your Socratic Seminar and AP Writing assignment by being able to identify where you can find important passages from the book.
- 3) For the second part of the Socratic Seminar, you will use your choice novel for the discussion questions. You need to be able to bring in textual evidence from your choice novel for the discussion. You will also need your choice novel for the AP Writing Assignment.

PART III – AP Language and Composition Preparation

- 1) For the AP exam, there are three essays you will have to write: the synthesis essay, argument essay, and rhetorical analysis. We will tackle the synthesis essay and argument essay first.
- 2) Please watch the video attached to Google Classroom and take notes on a sheet of paper. **Please make sure the notes are handwritten.**
- 3) Take a picture of the notes and post the notes on Google Classroom. **You will also want those notes for the first day of school.**

So, on the first day of class, you need to bring the following:

- a. Notes from the AP video (you can take this by hand on a sheet of paper)
- b. Your summer reading books

For the first two weeks, you need to be ready for the following:

1. Socratic discussions on the summer reading
2. AP Style essay

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to email me. I will check my email at least once per week during the summer months and will respond to you accordingly.

Have a blessed summer, and enjoy the reading!

Sincerely,

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