

## AP Literature Summer Enrichment 2024

To prepare for your AP literature class, you'll want to consider doing the following activities over the summer. Each recommendation is based on what students are expected to be able to do on the AP literature exam. NDA has a record of scoring high on the AP literature exam, and that's directly related to student self-directed learning, not just in-class instruction.

### Required:

**I: *How to Read Literature Like a Professor*. This book is full of practical insights that will help you improve the depth of your literary analysis. Each chapter has an easy to apply takeaway lesson applicable to whatever you are reading for class or on the exam. Please, write out the 1-2 sentence takeaways for each chapter in your new AP Lit. notebook.**

### Recommended:

II: Reviewing Literary Elements and Devices. There are many free resources available on the internet for reviewing the basic and the complex literary elements and devices. Knowing the building blocks of a text will speed up your ability to analyze an author's technique and style for class or the exam.

III: Reviewing Literary Genres. Knowing the definitions for basic genres such as poetry, drama, fiction, and nonfiction is good, but knowing the expectations for each is even more important. Next, reviewing the sub-genre categories lets you analyze for even more specifics. For example, tragedy versus comedy, etc. (drama), epic versus lyric, etc. (poetry), bildungsroman versus fantasy, etc. (fiction), memoir versus persuasive, etc. (nonfiction). Use the internet to read up about the many different genres that exist in literature.

IV: Recommended Reading. Below is a list of the books that students have recently used to write the third essay on the AP exam (the free response essay). Students looking to expand their bank of literary texts may wish to choose texts from the list. Be sure to look up the texts before reading as many of them, if not most, were not necessarily written for young adults. Have conversations with your parents. And check with Mr. Byrd that your chosen book isn't one that the class will read during the school year. \*The bolded titles were the most frequently used by AP students for the free response essay.

1. *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*
2. *All the Light We Cannot See*
3. *American Psycho*
4. *Antigone*
5. *As You Like It*

6. *Atonement*
7. ***The Awakening***
8. *The Bell Jar*
9. ***Beloved***
10. *Blonde*
11. *The Book Thief*
12. ***Brave New World***
13. *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*
14. *Catch 22*
15. *The Catcher in the Rye*
16. *The Chosen*
17. ***The Color Purple***
18. *Conversation with Friends*
19. *Crime and Punishment*
20. *Crown of Midnight*
21. *The Crucible*
22. *Death of a Salesman*
23. *Divergent*
24. *Doctor Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*
25. *A Doll's House*
26. *East of Eden*
27. *An Enemy of the People*
28. *Everyday Use*
29. *Exit West*
30. *Family of Lies*
31. ***Fahrenheit 451***
32. *Fences*
33. *The Fifth Wave*
34. ***Frankenstein***
35. *The Giver*
36. *The Glass Menagerie*
37. *God of Small Things*
38. *Great Expectations*
39. *The Great Gatsby*
40. *Grendel*
41. ***Hamlet***
42. ***The Handmaid's Tale***
43. *The Hate U Give*
44. *Heart of Darkness*
45. *Hedda Gabbler*

46. *The Help*
47. *The Hobbit*
48. *House of Spirits*
49. *The House on Mango Street*
50. *The Hunger Games*
51. *I Am a Cat*
52. *Imagining Argentina*
53. *The Importance of Being Earnest*
54. *In the Time of Butterflies*
55. *Ishmael*
56. *Jane Eyre*
57. *The Joy Luck Club*
58. *Kindred*
59. *King Lear*
60. *The Kite Runner*
61. *Lambs to the Slaughter*
62. *Les Misérables*
63. *Life of Pi*
64. *Light in August*
65. *The Lightning Thief*
66. *Like Water for Chocolate*
67. *Little Fire Everywhere*
68. *Little Women*
69. *Lord of the Flies*
70. *Macbeth*
71. *Madame Bovary*
72. *A Man for All Seasons*
73. *Metamorphosis*
74. *Mistborn*
75. *The Namesake*
76. *Never Let Me Go*
77. *Nickel Boys*
- 78. 1984**
79. *The Odyssey*
80. *Of Mice and Men*
81. *On the Come Up*
82. *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*
83. *Oryx and Crake*
84. *Othello*
85. *The Pearl*

86. *Persona 5*
87. *Poet X*
88. *Poisonwood Bible*
- 89. *Pride and Prejudice***
90. *Purple Hibiscus*
91. *Pygmalion*
92. *A Raisin in the Sun*
93. *Red, White, and Royal Blue*
94. *Romeo and Juliet*
- 95. *The Scarlet Letter***
96. *The Secret Life of Bees*
97. *Sing, Unburied, Sing*
98. *Slaughterhouse Five*
99. *Song of Solomon*
100. *The Stranger*
101. *Sula*
102. *The Sun Also Rises*
103. *Tatami Galaxy*
- 104. *Their Eyes Were Watching God***
105. *The Testaments*
106. *Things Fall Apart*
107. *A Thousand Splendid Suns*
108. *To Kill a Mockingbird*
109. *Vinland*
110. *Waiting for the Barbarians*
111. *West with Giraffes*
112. *Where the Crawdads Sing*
113. *Wuthering Heights*