

English 11 AP Summer Reading Requirements 2010-2011

The following texts are required reading. Students must read all three selections .

The Awakening- by Kate Chopin
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer- by Mark Twain
The Great Gatsby. – by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Read each focusing on the following:

Diction
Syntax
Tone
Imagery

Point of view
Author's style
Theme (universal)
character development

Some advice for reading these novels would be for you to read them and highlight or keep a written reading log. You will want to keep notes and write reflectively as you read, focus on:

1. **Anything you do not understand or that is questionable**
2. **Anything you think is especially important/ characters**
3. **Anything that invokes strong feeling/emotion**

Upon return to school, students will be expected to engage in discussion and take a comprehensive exam on all novels. There will be no written assignments due on these novels before the school year begins. This test can be worth up to one half of your first quarter grade. After the first week of the school year, you will not be able to drop this course due to low grades

DISCLAIMER:

Dear Parents,

The suggested readings contain mature subject materials that may not be suitable for some audiences, yet they do show up often on AP tests. Please be aware that in all higher level classrooms and college courses controversial materials will be covered throughout the course of the semester. It is suggested that if there is any conflict based on religious or cultural belief, please make arrangements before May 15th with the AP teacher for alternate readings.

If you have any further questions please contact: Ms. Haynes (944-5209 x201) or jmhaynes@avhsd.org, Thank you,

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