

English 12 AP

Summer Reading Requirements

2010-2011

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

The Things They Carried- by Tim O'Brien

Madame Bovary- by Gustave Flaubert

Their Eyes Were Watching God.- by Zora Neale Hurston

PLUS Bible readings-** *important for understanding allusion in early British and American Literature:*

Please read:

The Book of Genesis,

The Book of Exodus,

The Book of Revelation

The Gospels (according to Matthew, and John)

(The King James Version of the Bible is recommended)**

Read each focusing on the following:

Diction

Syntax

Tone

Imagery

Conflict

Point of view

Author's style

Theme (universal)

Character development

Some advice for reading these novels/books would be for you to read them and highlight. 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:

Some of the suggested readings may contain mature subject materials that may not be suitable for some audiences. The use of the Bible as literature in no way conveys religious beliefs shared by the teachers, school, or school district. 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 one the following teachers: Ms. Haynes (944-5209 x201) or jmhaynes@avhsd.org, or Ms Mims at smims@avhsd.org ext. 102.

Thank you,

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