



**South County High School
AP Literature and Composition
Summer 2020 Reading Assignment**

All students registered for AP Literature for the 2020-2021 school year are expected to complete the following summer assignment. It is due the first day of school.

Throughout the AP Literature course, we will read and analyze works of literary merit. To begin your course of study, we would like you to pick ONE novel from the list below and have it completely read by the time school starts.

- *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini
- *Beloved* by Toni Morrison
- *All the Light We Cannot See: A Novel* by Anthony Doerr
- *Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison
- *Dracula* by Bram Stoker
- *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte

There is no additional assignment for you to complete in addition to reading the novel. Please note that the expectations in AP Literature are for you to read novels fully and to be ready to analyze them in detail. For example, as you read consider:

- ◆ Writing Style (syntax, diction, etc.)
- ◆ Theme
- ◆ Characterization
- ◆ Tone
- ◆ Voice
- ◆ Plot
- ◆ Figurative Language (metaphor, simile, personification, etc.)
- ◆ Imagery
- ◆ Anything else worthy of note

In your first days of school you should expect to discuss and write on the various aspects of your novel. This may happen in the forms of small and large group discussions as well as individual conferences with your teacher. You may be asked to write on these issues in short writing prompts as well as in a full length essays.

It will be helpful to have a copy of your chosen text with you in class during the first weeks of school. The school does not have copies of these titles for classroom use, so you may want to either buy a copy, or secure one from a public library for use during the first few weeks of school. You will need to refer to your novel during the first days and weeks of school during classroom instruction.

If you have any questions, you may contact Ms. Romney rromney@fcps.edu or Ms. Armstrong kearmstrong@fcps.edu. Please do not wait until the last minute to ask for clarification or begin the assignment.