

Advanced Placement Literature

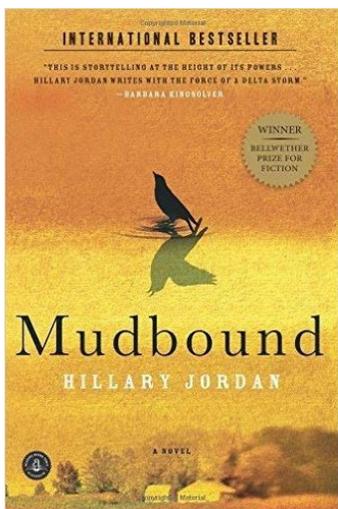
Summer Assignment

Why are we doing this? By completing this assignment, you are guaranteeing your readiness to play ball on day one. This work ensures that we can seamlessly bridge the gap between AP Language and AP Literature. The AP Lit Summer Assignment has been “reimagined” to give students time to enjoy their summer, while providing an opportunity for students to avoid summer learning loss.

What do you need to purchase?

- 1) *Mudbound* by Hillary Jordan
 - 2) Choice reading book (see below)
 - 3) *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte
 - 4) *Slaughterhouse-Five* by Kurt Vonnegut
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Part 1: Whole Class Literature Study



An essential component to this class is literature. You are **REQUIRED** to read Hillary Jordan’s *Mudbound* over the summer. Any edition is fine and you may be able to find this secondhand. You need to be familiar with the novel and ready to “unpack” this work at the very beginning of school. This novel was made into a Netflix original movie and was nominated for several Oscars. Please consider watching the movie AFTER you read the text. This, of course, is not required and there are several major differences between the book and movie.

We will read many novels, novellas, and plays throughout the school year. Major works will likely include *Hamlet*, *Macbeth*, *The Metamorphosis*, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, and *A Raisin in the Sun*. I have class sets of all of the works that we may read **except for Charlotte Bronte’s *Jane Eyre* and Kurt Vonnegut’s *Slaughterhouse-Five*.** It is recommended that students have their own copies of the text to mark in. These are typically found easily secondhand. Please have your copy of *Jane Eyre* by the first week of school.

Part 2: Choice Reading

Independent choice reading will be an ongoing focus in AP Literature and Composition. The second part of your summer reading assignment is to choose **at least one** of the following titles to read independently over the summer. You will need to have a copy of this work and be prepared the first day of school. Be sure to read up on each title and choose one that appeals to you. There are four nationally award-winning books and one book from a local author that are all very different. Find one that you will enjoy!

- *Jim Wrenn* by William Guerrant--local author, book set in Danville and Pittsylvania County
- *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel--National Book Award for Fiction Finalist 2014
- *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi--American Book Award, Pen/Bingham Prize 2017
- *Sing, Unburied Sing* by Jesmyn Ward--National Book Award for Fiction Winner 2017
- *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead--National Book Award Winner 2016, Pulitzer Prize for Fiction 2017