Summer Reading List
for students entering English 12AP

This July and August you are to read at least TWO acknowledged classics that your English AP teachers have chosen both for their own merit and for their usefulness when juxtaposed with works studied after September. These novels will be the foundation works for your opening assignments so please be diligent in your reading, paying keen attention to diction and syntax.

The following titles have been chosen to maintain fluency, build vocabulary, and enhance your critical reading skills for success on the AP Literature test. You can find these titles at local libraries and bookstores, and you should bring these copies to the first day of class. Many of the titles are also available in electronic form.

The Advanced Placement course begins with your receipt of this reading list.

Ralph Ellison: Invisible Man
Fyodor Dostoevsky: Crime and Punishment
Khaled Hosseini: The Kite Runner
Toni Morrison: Beloved
Bernhard Schlink: The Reader

Recommended Reading:

Thomas C. Foster: How to Read Literature Like a Professor

Upon return to class in September, evaluations will determine whether you have completed your summer reading assignment, and as AP prep proceeds throughout the year, you will be asked to recall your knowledge of these titles on several occasions. Do not procrastinate - get started right away.