

**Middletown Township Public Schools
High School North and High School South**

***AP English Language and Composition Summer Reading
2016***

To supplement the curriculum of AP English Language and Composition, students will read at least **four** complete selections from the following list. Selections may include articles, essays, or other short work taken from a variety of authors. (See Representative Authors)

I. Required Text-*Eat, Shoots, Leaves* by Lynne Truss

Students must read *Eat, Shoots, Leaves* by Lynne Truss and write a **short critical analysis** on the novel. Students should also choose **three more novels** and **write a critical analysis for each selection**. Must be sent to the appropriate teacher via Google Docs by August 15th, 2016.

- ✓ MLA format
- ✓ 1-2 pages typed (each essay)
- ✓ Due: August 15th
- ✓ Use credible resources from school data bases

II. In addition:

- **One Fiction novel** (student choice)
- **One Biography or autobiography** (student choice)
- **One Non-fiction novel** (student choice)

Recommended Selections: Non-fiction

In Cold Blood-Truman Capote
Fast Food Nation-Eric Schlosser
Woman Warrior-Maxine Hong Kingston
The World is Flat-Thomas L. Friedman
A Room of One's Own-Virginia Woolfe
Black Like Me-John Howard Griffin
Walden-Henry David Thoreau
The Tipping Point-Malcolm Gladwell

Additional Resources:

King, Stephen. *On Writing*
Payne, Lucile Vaughan. *The Lively Art of Writing*
Strunk, William and E.B. White. *Elements of Style*.

Representative Authors (College Board recommended)

Autobiographers and Diarists

Maya Angelou, James Boswell, Judith Ortiz Cofer, Charles Dana, Thomas De Quincey, Frederick Douglass, Benjamin Franklin, Lillian Hellman, Helen Keller, Maxine Hong Kingston,

T. E. Lawrence, John Henry Newman, Samuel Pepys, Richard Rodriguez, Richard Wright, Malcolm X, Anzia Yezierska

Biographers and History Writers

Walter Jackson Bate, James Boswell, Thomas Carlyle, Winston Churchill, Wine Deloria, Jr., Leon Edel, Richard Ellmann, Shelby Foote, John Hope Franklin, Antonia Fraser, Edward Gibbon, Richard Holmes, Gerda Lerner, Thomas Macaulay, Samuel Eliot Morison, Francis Parkman, Arnold Rampersad, Simon Schama, Arthur M. Schlesinger, Ronald Takaki George Trevelyan, Barbara Tuchman.

Critics

Paula Gunn Allen, Gloria Anzaldua, Michael Arlen, Matthew Arnold, Kenneth Clark, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Arlene Croce, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry Louis Gates, Jr., William Hazlitt, Bell Hooks, Samuel Johnson, Pauline Kael, Joyce Carol Oates, Walter Pater, John Ruskin, George Santayana, George Bernard Shaw, Susan Sontag, Cornel West, Oscar Wilde, Edmund Wilson.

Essayists and Fiction Writers

Joseph Addison, James Agee, Margaret Atwood, Francis Bacon, James Baldwin, GK. Chesterton, Joan Didion, Ralph Waldo Emerson Paul Fussell, Mavis Gallant, Nadine Gordimer, Edward Hoagland, Zora Neale Hurston, Jamaica Kincaid, Charles Lamb, Norman Mailer, Nancy Mairs, Mary McCarthy, N. Scott Momaday, Michel de Montaigne, V.S. Naipaul, Tillie Olsen, George Orwell, Cynthia Ozick, Ishmael Reed, Adrienne Rich, Mordecai Richler, Sharman Apt Russell, Richard Selzer, Richard Steele, Shelby Steele, Henry David Thoreau, John Updike, Alice Walker, Eudora Welty, E.B. White, Terry Tempest Williams, Virginia Woolf

Journalists

Roger Angell, Maureen Dowd, Elizabeth Drew, Nora Ephron, M.F.K. Fisher, Frances Fitzgerald, Janet Flanner (Genet), Ellen Goodman, David Halberstam, Andy Logan, John McPhee, H.L.Mencken, Jan Morris, David Remnick, Red Smith, Lincoln Steffens, Paul Theroux, Calvin Trillin, Tom Wolfe.

Political Writers

Hannah Arendt, Simone de Beauvoir, William F. Buckley, Jean de Crevecoeur, W. E. B. DuBois, Margaret Fuller, John Kenneth Galbraith, Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Thomas Hobbes, Thomas Jefferson, George Kenan, Martin Luther King, Jr., Lewis H. Lapham, John Locke, Niccolo Machiavelli, John Stuart Mill, John Milton, Thomas More, Thomas Paine, Olive Schreiner, Jonathan Swift, Alexis de Tocqueville, Gore Vidal, George Will, Garry Wills, Mary Wollstonecraft.

Science and Nature Writers

Edward Abbey, Wendell Berry, Jacob Bronowski, Rachel Carson, Charles Darwin, Annie Dillard, Gretel Enrich, Loren Eiseley, Stephen Jay Gould, Evelyn Fox Keller, Barry Lopez,

Peter Matthiessen, Margaret Mead, John Muir, David Quammen, Carl Sagan, Lewis Thomas, Jonathan Weiner

Other (Primarily Fiction) Writers, Collected from Several Sources

Aesop, Louisa May Alcott, James Matthew Barrie, L. Frank Baum, Anne Bronte, Charlotte Bronte, Emily Bronte, Edgar Rice Burroughs, Lewis Carroll, Willa Cather, Wilkie Collins, Stephen Crane, Charles Darwin, Honore de Balzac, Daniel DeFoe, Rene Descartes, Charles Dickens, Arthur Conan Doyle, Fyodor Dostoevsky, Alexandre Dumas, George Eliot, Mary Ann Evans, Thomas Hobbes, Marietta Holley, Thomas Hughes, William Kemp, D.H. Lawrence, Jack London, John Milton, Lucy Maud Montgomery, E. Nesbit, E. Philips Oppenheim, Edgar Allan Poe, Mary Shelley, Bram Stoker, Leo Tolstoy, Mark Twain Jules Verne, Voltaire.

** Students must choose from the above list unless approved by the AP teacher.