

AP English Language and Composition

Summer Reading 2009

To supplement the curriculum of AP English Language and Composition, students should read ***Eats, Shoots & Leaves: The Zero Tolerance Approach to Punctuation!*** by **Lynne Truss** and at least five complete selections or a comparable combination of partial selections from the following list. Partial selections may include articles, poems, essays, or other short works, taken from a variety of authors. (See Representative Authors.)

Students should keep a reader-response journal that includes the title and author, a few (3-5) meaningful quotations, and a short personal reflection (1-2 paragraphs) on each selection.

I. A biography or autobiography (Students should choose one or more books from this category—personal selection.)

II. Poetry selections (Students may choose materials from this category.)

III. Fiction and Nonfiction (Students should choose at least two texts from this category.)

Recommended Selections:

Chopin, Kate. *The Awakening*

Faulkner, William. *Absalom, Absalom!* and *As I Lay Dying*

Fitzgerald, F. Scott. *The Great Gatsby*

Hawthorne, Nathaniel. *The Scarlet Letter* and *The House of Seven Gables*

Hemingway, Ernest. *The Old Man and the Sea* and *In Our Time*

Knowles, John. *A Separate Peace*

Lee, Harper. *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Lewis, Sinclair. *Main Street*

Melville, Herman. *Moby Dick*, *Bartleby*, and *Billy Budd*

Miller, Arthur. *Death of a Salesman*

Shaara, Michael. *The Killer Angels*

Sophocles: *Oedipus Rex*

Stowe, Harriet Beecher. *Uncle Tom's Cabin*

Thoreau, Henry David. *Walden*

Wright, Richard. *Black Boy* and *Native Son*

IV. Additional Resources (students may choose one or more books from this category)

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

Joesph Addison, James Agee, Margaret Atwood, Francis Bacon, James Baldwin, G. K. 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 Kennan, 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. Phillips Oppenheim, Edgar Allan Poe, Mary Shelley, Bram Stoker, Leo Tolstoy, Mark Twain, Jules Verne, Voltaire