Summer Reading:

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, 2017.

- MLA format-12”"Times New Roman
- 1-2 pages typed (each essay)
- Due: August 15th
- Use credible resources from school data bases
- Must bring in a hard copy the first day of school

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*
Representative Authors (College Board recommended)

Students should not read any of the core reading selections from 8th, 9th, or 10th grade such as The Scarlett Letter.
The point is to read new books over the summer.

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


Critics


Essayists and Fiction Writers


Journalists

Political Writers


Science and Nature Writers


Other (Primarily Fiction) Writers, Collected from Several Sources


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