

Dear AP Language Student,

Since good readers make good writers and good readers make good thinkers, each student entering Montgomery Blair High School in August is required to complete reading and writing assignments in preparation for the fall semester.

The Particulars:

- Work counts towards 1st marking period
- Work is due on September 3rd or 4th. The deadline is September 8th or 9th.

Choosing a Book:

- Please do not select previously read works or middle school titles.
- Select titles that are on or above your reading level.
- You can find any appropriate books at your local library. There is no need to purchase a book, but you may do so if you wish. In any case, please have your book with you when you return to school.
- Since these are required titles, the English Department has these books to loan to you. We will check out books to students following the exam period on June 10, 11, and 12 in room 137.
- Call if you have questions: 301.649.2856.

Late Enrollment:

- Students who enroll after the semester begins will have 3 weeks to submit all assignments.

READING ASSIGNMENT

AP Language

Choose and read:

1. One of the following plays:

The Glass Menagerie

by Tennessee Williams

Death of A Salesman

by Arthur Miller

2. One of the following novels:

Brave New World

by Aldous Huxley

Animal Dreams

by Barbara Kingsolver

3. One of the following non-fiction works:

The Road From Coorain

by Jill Ker Conway

The Color of Water

by James McBride

The titles below are not available for loan, but students have enjoyed them in past years. You may select them if you can find them at your local library or you may opt to purchase them.

Into the Wild

by Jon Krakauer

An American Childhood

by Annie Dillard



WRITING ASSIGNMENT

For each work you read, write 3 journal entries (for a total of 9 entries). The entries should focus on writing style, use of syntax, major themes, symbols, patterns within the text, and, finally, personal reflections on the texts. Make note of any connections you discover among texts. Avoid summarizing the plot and complaining about the works. The journal should be a record of experiences, observations, and reflections about the text, the author's writing style, and your own relationship to the events in the text.

The journals will be used as notes for an in-class essay given the first week of school (September 8th or 9th).



Journal entries should be typed or neatly hand written, in blue or black ink.

Dear Parents,

Reading is not only a life-long skill that a person needs to succeed as a student and a worker, but also an essential skill in civic and personal activities. Perhaps even more importantly, reading opens the world to a person through various forms of literature. Reading gives students the opportunity to learn about people, times, regions, and ideas that may enhance their knowledge and development. Reading also can bring a lifetime of pleasure.

Research strongly suggests that reading, like most skills, improves with practice and decreases when we neglect it for even a short time. Therefore, consistent with our commitment to prepare all students for success during school and after graduation, MCPS continues to expect all students to read during the summer.

In keeping with the belief that reading promotes students' mental growth, improves their capacity to process information, and enhances their ability to understand themselves and the world around them, students at Montgomery Blair will read, and respond—in writing—to the texts they read. Successful completion of the summer reading assignment will benefit your child as he or she progresses through our curriculum. We owe it to our students to prepare them for an increasingly competitive and complex world.

This summer reading information can also be obtained at <http://www.mbhs.edu>. Click on "Depts," and then go to "English."

TITLES TAUGHT AT BLAIR DO NOT CHOOSE FOR SUMMER READING

The list below contains titles that may be assigned in **AP Language**. Students wishing to get a head start on regular-term reading may read titles from this list. However, these books cannot be used for the summer reading assignment.

Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

As I Lay Dying

Autobiography of Malcolm X

The Awakening

Cat's Cradle

Chronicle of a Death Foretold

Civil Disobedience

The Crucible

A Doll House

Fences

The Great Gatsby

I, Tituba

A Lesson Before Dying

Macbeth

Native Son

Old Man and the Sea

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

Ordinary People

The Road from Coorain

The Scarlet Letter

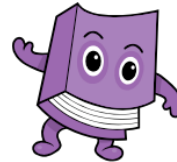
So Long A Letter

The Tempest

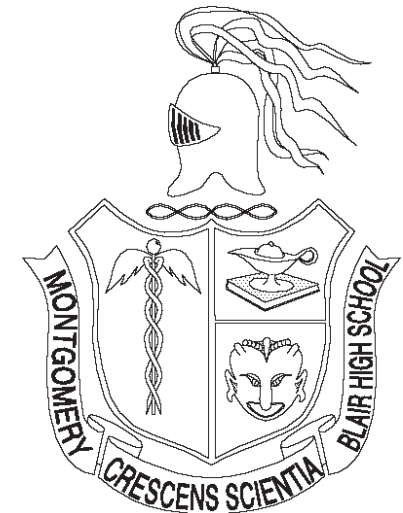
Walden

Woman Warrior

Wuthering Heights



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