

2017 AP Literature Summer Reading & Writing

Your summer reading is designed to accomplish two things:

1. Prepare you for AP Literature.
2. Get you started on the college application process.

The Summer Reading consists of the following components:

- Assignment #1: Read and annotate Kate Chopin's *The Awakening*.
- Assignment #2: Compose an original college entrance essay.
- Assignment #3: Complete the Senior Info Sheet (available on Naviance).

Assignment #1 Details: Summer Reading

1. Carefully read and annotate *The Awakening*, taking care to define unknown words. Trace all significant events, including character development and dialogue. Note themes and structure. Annotations should be insightful and consistent throughout the text.
2. Be prepared to write an in-class essay on the novel during the first week of class.

Assignment #2 Details: College Essay Your College Essay is how you sell yourself to a prospective school. Compose a two page, double-spaced essay to answer **one** of the following prompts:

Option 1: Compose an essay that responds to a prompt from the college of your choice. Be sure to read the question fully and answer all parts of the question. In addition to your final essay, provide your teacher with a copy of the prompt and parameters. If your college does not provide a specific prompt, or asks for you to complete the Common App, compose an essay that answers one of the Common App prompts.

Option 2: Compose a personal statement. A personal statement introduces you to the university, and reflects your personality and intellect. To do this, you compose an essay that reflects who you are and tells the reader something they need to know about you. This essay should come in the form of an anecdote that shows the reader something specific about who you are as a person. Essentially, you should do the following: **Understand and explain yourself.** One of the main problems when writing is that applicants fail to take a thorough and analytical look at themselves and their objectives. Admission committee members are looking for interesting, insightful, revealing, and non-generic essays that suggest you have gone through a process of reflection and self-examination. **Set yourself apart.** Committees are looking for something PERSONAL and ANALYTICAL. This means sharing information you rarely share with others and assessing your life more critically than usual.

Requirements: Two double-spaced pages using Times New Roman, 12 pt. font; 1 inch margins. You will upload a copy of your college entrance essay to your teacher's turnitin.com site in the fall.