

ENGLISH 11 AP

Summer Reading Assignment

2023-2024

PART 1:

- A. Read *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston.
- B. Respond to one of the following AP prompts in a 2 page essay in which you analyze the novel. Be sure to include BETWEEN 3-4 direct quotations from the text to support your points.

PROMPTS:

- 2013. A bildungsroman, or coming-of-age novel, recounts the psychological or moral development of its protagonist from youth to maturity, when this character recognizes his or her place in the world. Select a single pivotal moment in the psychological or moral development of the protagonist of a bildungsroman. Then write a well-organized essay that analyzes how that single moment shapes the meaning of the work as a whole.
- 2005, Form B. One of the strongest human drives seems to be a desire for power. Write an essay in which you discuss how a character in a novel or a drama struggles to free himself or herself from the power of others or seeks to gain power over others. Be sure to demonstrate in your essay how the author uses this power struggle to enhance the meaning of the work.

PART 2:

- A. Read *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini.
- B. Respond to one of the following AP prompts in a 2 page essay in which you analyze the novel. Be sure to include BETWEEN 3-4 direct quotations from the text to support your points.
 - 2006, Form B. In many works of literature, a physical journey – the literal movement from one place to another – plays a central role. Choose a novel, play, or epic poem in which a physical journey is an important element and discuss how the journey adds to the meaning of the work as a whole. Avoid mere plot summary.
 - 2007, Form B. Works of literature often depict acts of betrayal. Friends and even family may betray a protagonist; main characters may likewise be guilty of treachery or may betray their own values. Select a novel or play that includes such acts of betrayal. Then, in a well-written essay, analyze the nature of the betrayal and show how it contributes to the meaning of the work as a whole.

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- NOTE: Be sure to use proper MLA format when composing the essays.