

**Advanced Placement English Language and Composition
Summer Reading and Writing Assignment – 2019-2020**

Because of the intense nature of the course, it is essential that you complete the summer assignment which follows – preferably over the course of the summer rather than the week before school starts. The assignment is intended to acquaint you with the variety of argumentative writing which we will be studying, and the approaches we will be employing in analyzing such works.

****A multiple-choice and open-response test may be given over the two required texts the second day of class to assess content knowledge of the texts.**** Additional assignments may be made over the course of the school year. **All work is due by the second day of class.**

1. *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller

- Read *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller. As you read, write a reflective essay about the events in the play—what did you think of them, do they remind you of any current issues, etc. Please be thoughtful and detailed, referring to specific scenes in the play. If you handwrite it, it must be written in blue or black ink and must be 2 pages (1 front/1 back or 1 front/1front). If it is typed, it must be typed in MLA format (see below) and printed out to turn in.

2. *Small Wonder* by Barbara Kingsolver

- Read *Small Wonder* by Barbara Kingsolver. As you read, consider why Kingsolver chose each title for the essays collected in this book. Write a reflective essay, explaining why you think she chose her essay titles. You do not have to address each essay, but pick 4-6 essays to focus on, referring to specific parts of the essays to explain why she chose that particular title. Be careful not to just quote where Kingsolver says the title of the essay within the essay—**WHY** did she title it that? If you handwrite it, it must be written in blue or black ink and must be 2 pages (1 front/1 back or 1 front/1front). If it is typed, it must be typed in MLA format (see below) and printed out to turn in.

I have copies of *The Crucible* and *Small Wonder* that you can check out. You will be responsible for the books, and if they are lost or damaged, you will be liable for the cost of a new book.

MLA format

Double space, 1 inch margins all around, Times New Roman or Calibri, 12 pt.

The top of the page should look like this:

Last name 1

Your Name

Teacher Name

AP Language

Day Month Year

Title

Please sign and return this page by April 22, 2019

By signing below I certify that I have read and I fully understand the summer assignment for the AP English Language and Composition course.

Date

Date

Student Name (Print)

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian E-mail Address

Parent/Guardian Phone Number