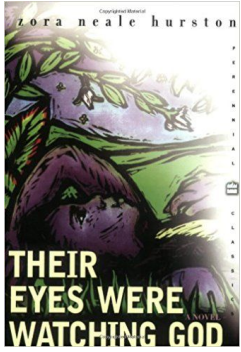


Kirtland High School
 AP English Literature & Composition
 The BIG Summer Read 2018
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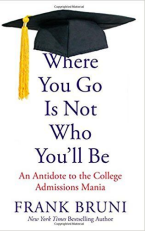
Welcome to AP English Literature and Composition! I look forward to working with you in the fall. The first few weeks of school will be devoted to the study and discussion of your summer reading assignment. You should not procrastinate and wait until the week before school starts to begin reading and completing your notes, or you will not finish. In order to have a productive start to your school year, you must complete these readings to the best of your ability. Your work should always reflect careful reading and insight. You will be assessed on your careful reading during the first week of school. Have a fun, safe, and productive summer!

<p>Why read during the summer?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Researchers have proven that reading increases vocabulary and that reading and writing skills are inextricably connected to each other. ● Good writers are good readers. Written and oral communication is most effective when you have a command of language and a broad vocabulary; reading gives you exposure to descriptive and rich vocabulary used in well-written and powerful phrases and sentences. ● The accuracy and effectiveness of your communication is determined by your ability to read critically. ● Reading can be one of the most satisfying and personal life-long habits you will ever develop. ● Reading gives you knowledge and knowledge is power.
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Because education is a year-round endeavor, for your course of study you need to **read two novels: one mandatory novel and one choice novel. You will be assessed on each novel upon your return to school in August.**

	<p>Assignment #1 Must read: <i>Their Eyes Were Watching God</i> by Zora Neale Hurston</p> <p><i>“A deeply soulful novel that comprehends love and cruelty, and separates the big people from the small of heart, without ever losing sympathy for those unfortunates who don’t know how to live properly.” —Zadie Smith</i></p> <p>One of the most important and enduring books of the twentieth century, <i>Their Eyes Were Watching God</i> brings to life a Southern love story with the wit and pathos found only in the writing of Zora Neale Hurston. Out of print for almost thirty years—due largely to initial audiences’ rejection of its strong black female protagonist—Hurston’s classic has since its 1978 reissue become perhaps the most widely read and highly acclaimed novel in the canon of African-American literature.</p>
<p>Assignment #2: Choose ONE!</p>	<p><i>Alias Grace</i> by Margaret Atwood <i>All the Light we Cannot See</i> by Anthony Doerr <i>Midnight Children</i> by Salman Rushdie <i>Purple Hibiscus</i> by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie <i>Homegoing</i> by Yaa Gyasi <i>The Goldfinch</i> by Donna Tartt <i>Kindred</i> by Octavia Butler <i>Power of One</i> by Bryce Courtenay <i>Mama Day</i> by Gloria Naylor</p>

Optional but Strongly Recommended for all seniors approaching the college application process:

	<p><i>Where You Go is Not Who You'll Be</i> by Frank Bruni</p> <p>"Your worth is not determined by the university you went to. Or, in other words, "Where You Go is Not Who You'll Be." Alleluia. That's the exact mantra every student and parent must heed as they navigate the stressful college admissions process. I'm doing it for the fourth time and this excellent writer's new book could not have come at a better time for me. As Frank Bruni brilliantly demonstrates, your worth is your worth and it's yours to make wherever you go." --Maria Shriver</p>
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Read not to contradict, nor to believe, but to weigh and consider. Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some to be digested. That is, some books are to be read only in parts; others to be read but curiously, and some few to be read wholly, and with diligence and attention. Reading maketh a full man, conference a ready man, and writing an exact man. -- Francis Bacon

During the first week of school, you will be evaluated on the books you have read through various assessments. For these assessments, you may use your books with annotations and/or any notes or journaling you have completed while reading these books closely.

Please use #APLitBSR to participate in Twitter chats this summer!
Please Sign-up for Remind by texting the message @b7286 to 81010.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Duncan at meriah.duncan@kirtlandschools.org

