

AP English Literature Summer Reading, 2009

Three summer reading books are required of AP English students. They are:

Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe
Lord of the Flies by William Golding
Sula by Toni Morrison

These novels may be obtained used from graduating AP students or used bookstore or website, or new through any regular or online bookstore, or from the public library.

Your summer reading will be assessed as follows:

1. You will keep a reading journal for any **one** of the summer reading novels (you may choose which one). Your journal is due on the first regular full day of classes.

Instructions for the reading journal are as follows:

- a.** Use standard, 3-hole binder paper and assemble your journal in a three-hole binder or folder as you read
 - b.** As you begin the novel, write a short entry in your journal listing the title and author and explaining what your expectations are of the book as you are about to read it.
 - c.** Start a list of the major characters. Leave room to add to it. Write a two- or three-sentence description of each character as soon as you feel you can.
 - d.** Write an entry (length up to you—half a page is plenty) after each few chapters. Do **not** summarize the plot of the book. Instead, write about your own questions, predictions, analysis or responses as you read.
 - e.** When you finish the book, write a page about the total effect the book had on you and whether or not it fulfilled your expectations.
2. There will be reading tests on all three novels during the first two weeks of school, after you have had an opportunity to ask questions and discuss them. Do not even think of substituting *Cliff's Notes* or *Spark Notes* for your reading because you will be miserable if you do. (See #3)
3. All three specified novels will be used during the year, as the basis of papers, discussions and A.P. practice questions.