

12 AP/CHS English Literature and Composition *Optional Summer Assignment*

Explanation: As a collegiate level course, with a syllabus approved both by the College Board and Mt. Aloysius College, you will be reading various texts throughout the year that challenge your thinking and analytical skills. As preparation, you may wish to explore some of the novels and dramas listed as options for students to write about for one of the essays on the 2023 AP English Literature and Composition Exam (see below). Keep in mind that these texts are mature in nature and may include potentially offensive language and/or subject matter. Use this resource (<https://www.bwschools.net/baldwin-high-school/academics/library> → “eBooks and Databases” link → password: bhslibrary → “Gale Books and Authors” link → Search book’s title) to find book summaries and this resource (<https://www.common sense media.org/>) to preview any mature content. Avoid *Antigone* and *Frankenstein* as those are both texts we will read and discuss during the course.

AP[®] English Literature and Composition 2023 Free-Response Questions

Question 3

(Suggested time—40 minutes. This question counts as one-third of the total essay section score.)

Many works of literature feature a rebel character who changes or disrupts the existing state of societal, familial, or political affairs in the text. They may break social norms, challenge long-held values, subvert expectations, or participate in other forms of resistance. The character’s motivation for this rebellious behavior is often complex.

Either from your own reading or from the list below, choose a work of fiction in which a character changes or disrupts the existing state of societal, familial, or political affairs. Then, in a well-written essay, analyze how the complex motivation of the rebel contributes to an interpretation of the work as a whole. Do not merely summarize the plot.

In your response you should do the following:

- Respond to the prompt with a thesis that presents a defensible interpretation.
- Provide evidence to support your line of reasoning.
- Explain how the evidence supports your line of reasoning.
- Use appropriate grammar and punctuation in communicating your argument.

Antigone
Arcadia
Atonement
The Awakening
Brave New World
Catch-22
Ceremony
The Color Purple
The Crucible
Fahrenheit 451
Fences
Frankenstein
The Glass Menagerie
Grendel
Half of a Yellow Sun
The Handmaid’s Tale
House Made of Dawn
The House of the Spirits
In the Time of the Butterflies
Invisible Man
Jane Eyre

The Joy Luck Club
Kindred
King Lear
Let the Great World Spin
Love Medicine
Moll Flanders
The Namesake
Native Son
Never Let Me Go
The Nickel Boys
One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest
Paradise Lost
Pride and Prejudice
A Raisin in the Sun
The Scarlet Letter
Southernmost
Sula
Their Eyes Were Watching God
There There
Washington Black
Wuthering Heights