



# SHASTA HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Incoming AP Seniors,

Congratulations on your decision to take AP Literature and Composition. The goal of the course is to deepen your understanding of literature, specifically, novels, drama, and poetry. Another goal is to hone your written composition skills in relation to literary criticism. This class will give you the opportunity to study literature at a college level while in high school, and if you pass the AP test in the spring, you can earn college credit. Successful students in AP Literature and Composition:

- maintain regular attendance
- read the selected course material when it is due
- actively participate in class
- complete assignments on time

Many of you are familiar with Honors/AP classes, so you are aware that there is a summer reading assignment. Completing this assignment will keep your mind sharp, help you explore a major literary work, and prepare you for the initial week of class.

Assignment: Choose a novel that you have not read before from the following list and complete the attached AP Literature Data Sheet:

- *The Road* - Cormac McCarthy
- *The Poisonwood Bible* - Barbara Kingsolver
- *Wuthering Heights* - Emily Bronte
- *The Grapes of Wrath* - John Steinbeck
- *Invisible Man* - Ralph Ellison
- *Jane Eyre*- Charlotte Bronte
- *One Hundred Years of Solitude* - Marquez
- *Things Fall Apart* - Chinua Achebe
- *The Kite Runner* - Khalid Hosseini
- *The Things They Carried*- Tim O'Brien
- *The Bean Trees* - Barbara Kingsolver
- *A Thousand Splendid Suns*- K. Hosseini
- *Song of Solomon* - Toni Morrison
- *Beloved* - Toni Morrison
- *The Bluest Eye* - Toni Morrison
- *All the Pretty Horses*- Cormac McCarthy
- *Pride and Prejudice*- Jane Austen
- *Emma* - Jane Austen
- *Cry the Beloved Country* - Alan Patan
- *A Handmaid's Tale* - Margaret Atwood
- *The Kitchen God's Wife* - Amy Tan
- *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* - Maya Angelou

Websites like Sparknotes and Thugnotes are resources, but if you rely on them to complete the assignment, you may want to question your motivation in taking a more challenging class. This summer assignment is due on the first day of school.

Enjoy your summer. If you have any questions, contact me at [trandolph@sushd.net](mailto:trandolph@sushd.net). See you in August.

Sincerely,

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Instructor, AP English IV

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## A P L I T E R A T U R E D A T A S H E E T

<p><b>Title:</b>  <b>Author:</b>  <b>Publication Date:</b>  <b>Outside source(s):</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Literary Era:</b>  <b>Information about the era (historical, philosophical, etc.):</b></p>	<p><b>Provide <i>significant</i> details about the author (style, philosophies, criticism, etc.):</b></p>
<p><b>Identify the genre:</b>  <b>How does this work fit into the genre?</b></p> <p><b>The era?</b></p>	<p><b>Plot points (bullet key events):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
<p><b>Describe the novel's <i>settings</i> and explain the significance of each:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Explain the <u>use</u> &amp; <u>effect</u> of <u>three</u> literary techniques:</b></p>	<p><b>Cite and quote one example of each:</b></p>
<p>1.</p>	<p>1.</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>2.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>3.</p>

Cite and quote three significant passages:	Explain the significance of each passage, or explain how the passage relates to the work as a whole:
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.

Identify and explain key **metaphors (M)**, **symbols (S)**, and / or **motifs (F)** found in the work:

**Significant Characters**

Major characters:	Relationship to others:	Three Adjectives:	Purpose / function in story:
1.	1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.	3.
4.	4.	4.	4.
Minor characters:	Relationship to others:	Three Adjectives:	Purpose / function in story:
6.	6.	6.	6.
7.	7.	7.	7.

<p><b>Write and explain the THEME(S) of the work:</b></p>	<p><b>Write <u>at least 3</u> essay prompts for the novel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
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