

Advanced Placement English: Literature and Composition
Summer Reading 2020/2021 School Year

Assignment -- You will read a total of three books (detailed below) and complete an “Essential Literary Synopsis” for EACH book. When completing the Synopses, be sure to fit all of your information in the space provided. I suggest printing out three copies and filling them in by hand, but you can type if you prefer.

Your book choices are:

Book 1 -- The Screwtape Letters by CS Lewis. (No choice here, all seniors will be reading this book this summer).

Book 2 -- Choose ONE of the following works that were written before 1900:

Medea by Euripides (431 BC) [2006 translation by Michael Collier ISBN: 9780195145663]

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen (1813)

A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens (1859)

The Awakening by Kate Chopin (1899)

Book 3 -- Choose ONE of the following works that were written after 1900:

Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller (1949)

The End of the Affair by Graham Greene (1951)

A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving (1989)

Purple Hibiscus by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (2003)

Essential Literary Synopsis
(Remember to make a NEW copy for each book)

Title: Author: Date, Place of Publication:	Biographical Notes:
Setting:	Notes on Period / Place of Publication:

Plot Summary:
Meaning of the work as a whole (MOWAAW):
Opening Sentence for Essay:

Style/Characteristic of the work:	Example(s) demonstrating style/characteristic:
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Principal Characters	Adjectives	Role in the work	Significance

Opening Scene, Significance:	Closing Scene, Significance:
Symbols:	Memorable Quotations: