

## **Summer Reading For AP English Literature (seniors) – 2018 Clark**

\*\*Students will have a 100-point assessment on summer reading during the first few days of school. Plan to have both your choice book and your required book completed by opening day: Monday August 20th.

### **For AP English Literature (seniors)**

Required: *Native Son* by Richard Wright

Choice books (choose one):

*The Plot Against America* by Philip Roth

*The Bonesetter's Daughter* by Amy Tan

*The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd

Please read the CHOICE book in late June/July; keep brief notes on it. Be prepared to write a short essay responding to your choice book when you return to school. This essay will NOT be a summary.

Read the REQUIRED book in August. Keep brief notes on it. Use the same method you used for *A Tale of Two Cities*: after reading each chapter, jot down a few sentences about what mainly happened, who the important characters were and what traits were revealed, and why the chapter has the title that Wright gives it. The summer reading test will focus not only on plot but on characterization, structure, and use of language. You may choose to watch film versions or read critical analyses of any book; however, that is not a substitute for actually reading the book.

\*You should know by August 1 if you are committed to taking the AP Literature course. You will be expected to have read the required book if you are enrolled in the class on the first day of school. There will be no exceptions.

*If you have any questions or concerns, you may email me: [dclark@parrottacademy.org](mailto:dclark@parrottacademy.org)*

## **Summer Reading – 2017 For Junior English (Mr. Clark)**

\*\*\*\*Students will have a 100-point assessment on summer reading during the first few days of school. Plan to have both your choice book and your required book completed by opening day: Monday Aug. 21.

### **For AP English Language (juniors)**

Required: *Amusing Ourselves to Death: Public Discourse in the Age of Show Business* by Neil Postman

**For Honors English III (juniors)**

Required: *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* by Brian Mealer and William Kamkwamba

Choice books for all juniors (choose one)

*A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith

*The Smartest Kids in the World* by Amanda Ripley

*The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls

Please read the CHOICE book in late June/July; keep brief notes on it. Be prepared to write a short essay responding to your choice book when you return to school. This essay will NOT be a summary.

Read the REQUIRED book in August. Keep brief notes on it. Write down the main point or main actions in each chapter after you read it. Your notes would probably not take up more than two pages of notebook paper.

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