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Dear AP English Students:

A major goal of the Syosset High School English program involves supporting the habits of lifelong readers who read for pleasure and for learning, and who read widely from a range of global and diverse texts.

In AP English you will read a variety of texts from a range of perspectives and learn how to write analytically and persuasively at a college level. Syosset High School offers two College Board AP courses in English studies, each designed to provide high school students the opportunity to engage with a typical introductory-level college English curriculum. The AP English Language and Composition course focuses on the development and revision of evidence-based analytic and argumentative writing and the rhetorical analysis of fiction and **nonfiction texts**. The AP English Literature and Composition course focuses on reading, analyzing, and writing about **imaginative literature (fiction, poetry, drama)** from various periods.

This summer, you can best prepare for the rigors of each course by self-selecting a full-length text that interests, engages and challenges you. Read it for pleasure and enrich your personal language and background knowledge through your experience with the book.

What kind of book? How long? By what author? We invite you to make those selections and decisions.

Will there be a written component to this assignment? Certainly, careful readers often make notes in the margins, tracking their thinking and reactions, but this summer, we invite you to read without a required writing experience. There will be plenty of time for writing once the course gets underway. Anticipate that you will share with your classmates and teacher your thoughts about and connections to the work you selected when you come back to school.

Enjoy your summer; enjoy your book. We will see you in September!

Warm regards,

Syosset High School AP English Teachers and
Amanda Barney, Coordinator of English