

Dear gifted Advanced Placement Language and Composition students,

In order to prepare you for the study of literature in my gifted Advanced Placement Language and Composition class, you are required to complete a summer reading assignment. In an effort to make summer reading more enjoyable, I am limiting the reading to just one book, *Catch-22* by Joseph Heller. However, in order to receive credit for the summer reading, on the first day of class you must bring me your annotated copy of the book; annotations may be done either with sticky notes or direct writing in the book. In addition, on the first day in class, you will have forty minutes to write an analysis essay on the same book. This essay will prepare you for future Advanced Placement tests. I took into consideration the need for students to have a break and tried to respect that need while still providing a meaningful way for students to continue to practice their reading and analysis skills.

In addition to this book, you may obtain the following books, which we will read throughout the semester:

- *Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad
- *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- *In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote
- *Slaughterhouse-Five* by Kurt Vonnegut
- *All the Pretty Horses* by Cormac McCarthy

I am not worried about the addition, translation, or the publisher. In addition to these books, you will need:

- A three-ring binder
- Two composition notebooks (if you need new ones)
- Highlighters
- Pencils/Pens (I do not care as to color of ink)
- Sticky notes (if this is your preferred way to annotate your books)

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to email me at [dsniezak@stcharles.k12.la.us](mailto:dsniezak@stcharles.k12.la.us). The assignment can also be found on the Google Classroom website. I check my email fairly often over the summer, so I will respond as quickly as I can.

Thank you and have a great summer,

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