

Summer 2023

Dear Division AP Capstone student,

I am thrilled to be undertaking the AP Capstone program with you! In order to start the year off on the right foot, you will have to enter class in September prepared and ready to learn.

Over the summer, **you will be required to read George Orwell's *1984* and one additional book of your choosing.** You should plan to pick up a hard copy of *1984* at the meeting on June 1st, after school.. In the event you cannot make the meeting, you should try to find me in room 128 after June 1st. If all else fails, you should find a PDF version of it online. You are encouraged to annotate both books with post-its. These books will serve as a springboard for our initial discussions, and you will want to have interacted with both texts thoughtfully.

You will also be doing a **writing assignment the first week** of class, on both of the two texts, to be determined by your teacher on the first day.

The year ahead should prove to be stimulating, rewarding, and certainly an educational journey. Remember the importance of first impressions and please come armed ready to learn!

If you have any questions that are not answered in this letter, please feel free to email me at KStritzl@levittownschools.com.

I look forward to meeting you soon!

Sincerely,

Ms. Stritzl

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Choose a work from this list for your additional summer reading book. These books are available at the public library or for purchase through such book sellers as Book Revue in Huntington and Barnes and Noble, or online stores.

A Confederacy of Dunces by John Kennedy Toole

A Gesture Life by Chang Rae Lee

A Passage to India by E.M. Forster

A Thousand Acres by Jane Smiley

A Visit from the Goon Squad by Jennifer Egan

Absalom, Absalom! by William Faulkner

Americanah by Chimimanda Ngozie Adichie

As I Lay Dying by William Faulkner

After Dark Haruki Murakami

Alias Grace by Margaret Atwood

All the King's Men by Robert Penn Warren

Aloft by Chang Rae Lee

The American by Martin Booth

American Pastoral by Philip Roth

Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy

Bel Canto by Ann Patchett

Beloved by Toni Morrison

Bleak House by Charles Dickens

The Blind Assassin by Margaret Atwood

The Bone Setter's Daughter by Amy Tan

Caramelo by Sandra Cisneros

City of God by E.L. Doctorow

Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoyevsky

Cry, The Beloved Country by Alan Paton

The Diviners by Rick Moody

Everything is Illuminated by Jonathon Safran Foer

Freedom by Jonathan Franzen

Fifth Business by Robertson Davies

The Fixer by Bernard Malamud

A Gathering of Old Men by Ernest J. Gaines

Go Tell It On the Mountain by James Baldwin

The Good Soldier by Ford Madox Ford

The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood

Hard Times by Charles Dickens

The House of Mirth by Edith Wharton

Housekeeping by Marilynne Robinson

In the Lake of the Woods by Tim O'Brien

Independence Day by Richard Ford

Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison

Jesus' Son by Denis Johnson

The Keeper of the World by Bharati Mukherjee

The Known World by Edward P. Jones

Light in August by William Faulkner

Lord Jim by Joseph Conrad

Mating by Norman Rush

Middlemarch by George Eliot

Moby Dick by Herman Melville

Monkey Bridge by Lan Cao

The Moor's Last Sigh by Salman Rushdie

Mrs. Dalloway by Virginia Woolf

Native Speaker by Chang Rae Lee

No Country for Old Men by Cormac McCarthy

Obasan by Joy Kogawa

On Such a Full Sea by Chang Rae Lee

Persuasion by Jane Austen

The Portrait of a Lady by Henry James

The Plot Against America by Phillip Roth

Possession by A.S. Byatt

Rabbit Angstrom: The Four Novels by John Updike (choose one)

Ragtime by E.L. Doctorow

The Remains of the Day by Kasuo Ishiguro

Return of the Native by Thomas Hardy

Saturday by Ian McEwan

Set This House on Fire by William Styron

The Shipping News by E. Annie Proulx

The Story of Edgar Sawtelle by David Wroblewski

The Surrendered by Chang Rae Lee

Swamplandia! by Karen Russell

Tom Jones by Henry Fielding

Transatlantic by Colum McCann

The Road by Cormac McCarthy

To the Lighthouse by Virginia Woolf

Underworld by Don DeLillo

War and Peace by Leo Tolstoy

Where I'm Calling From by Raymond Carver

White Noise by Don DeLillo

Wide Sargasso Sea by Jean Rhys

Winter's Tale by Mark Helprin