

Summer Reading
Advanced Placement Literature and Composition
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The purpose of summer reading has evolved through the years. When I initially started teaching this course, it was to address the prompt on Free Response Question #3. But after watching my own summers give way to AP Readings and curricular work in favor of my own reading time, my views have shifted.

Much of AP Literature centers around this ambiguous notion of literary merit, and the definition has become more fluid. This summer I would like you to have some **choice** and I would also like you to **enjoy** what you are reading. I would like you to pick one book **you haven't read before** from the following two lists. CAVEAT: The book must be a full novel of fiction. The book can either be a winner or a finalist:

National Book Awards:

<https://www.nationalbook.org/national-book-awards/years/>

Pulitzer Prize for Fiction:

<https://www.pulitzer.org/prize-winners-by-category/219>

Instructions:

- 1) **Pick a book and e-mail me the title by June 15 at jlamboley@wyoarea.org** If you are struggling or need a recommendation, please contact me well before that time. This is also a good time to talk to parents, peers and other teachers about books they have enjoyed reading.
- 2) Read the book, without any expectation you will be tested on it or have to write a paper on it.
- 3) Be prepared when you come back to school to briefly “sell” the book to other classmates using visual media.

NOTE: You may not choose *The Nickel Boys*, *All the Light We Cannot See*, or *The Secret History* as those may be taught in the year upcoming.

PLEASE SEE THE BACK FOR BOOKS I WOULD RECOMMEND, BUT ARE NOT LISTED

The following novels were on the summer reading list the past few years:

Danielewski, Mark. *The House of Leaves*. (horror, post-modern)

Hill, Nathan. *The Nix* (political academia)

Pessl, Marisha. *The Night Film* (mystery)

These books have proven to be highly popular the past few years with AP Literature students at Wyomissing.

If you are struggling to find a choice, look up the reviews on Amazon or Goodreads and see if one captivates your interest.

And, as always, you can come see me before I leave on June 2!

Happy Summer!