

Vestavia Hills High School
A.P. English Literature and Composition
2024 Summer Assignment
Mrs. Holly Robinson

Before you begin the summer assignments, please join the 2024 AP English Literature and Composition Summer Work Google Classroom (**GC code: yb6eklg**). You should use this space to submit your assignments and ask questions as you work throughout the summer. **While the final deadline for all components of the assignments below is technically on August 7, 2024 (the first day of your senior year), you will see suggested deadlines for each component below as well as on our Google Classroom calendar. Please consider adhering to the suggested deadlines.** Please do not start your senior year by shirking your responsibilities. Carefully read the assigned/selected texts, thoughtfully complete the written assignments, and do not rely on shortcuts (e.g., Sparknotes, Cliff's Notes, or Shmoop) to complete your work. With that said, I hope you enjoy your summer reading and writing!

IMPORTANT: You will be required to submit your assignments to Turnitin.com (with AI Detection Tool) during the first week of school. Be sure all submitted work is your own! **If you have any questions regarding your summer assignments, please email me at robinsonh@vhcs.us.**

Part 1: College Essay Prep (50 points)

Suggested Deadline: June 28, 2024

Use the assignment linked above to brainstorm ideas for your college essay, and submit it to the appropriate assignment on Google Classroom. **Note:** We will begin the year with writing a college essay, so please take this assignment seriously. **If you would like to complete a full draft of a college essay BEFORE school starts (recommended), use this [assignment](#).**

Part 2: Common Reading & Novel Notes (100 points)

Suggested Deadline: July 26, 2024

Read [The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles](#), and submit novel notes (see below) on Google Classroom.

You will have a **test, timed essay, and graded discussion** on your reading of *The Lincoln Highway* in the first weeks of school. Because this novel is a newer publication, you may have trouble finding a copy. Either check the local library well ahead of time to reserve it, or purchase your copy early in the summer so you will be sure to have it well before your assignment deadline. While enjoyable to read and plot-driven, **this novel is ~600 pages long. Be sure you allow yourself enough time to read it thoroughly and complete your notes prior to the start of school.**

How to Complete Your Novel Notes:

(1) Major Character List: As you read, take notes on the following MAJOR characters: Emmett Watson, Billy Watson, Daniel "Duchess" Hewett, Wallace Wolcott "Woolly" Martin, Sally Ransom, Professor Abacus Abernathie, Pastor John, and Ulysses Dixon. **Please note the following information about major characters:** physical traits, personalities, backgrounds, and most important choices they make in the book.

(2) Minor Character List: As you read, please take notes on the following MINOR characters: Warden Williams, Ackerly, Mr. Ransom, Jimmy Snyder, Jacob "Jake" Snyder, Charlie Watson, Harrison Hewett, Kazantzakis, Sister Agnes, Townhouse, Sarah Whitney, "Dennis" Whitney, Leonello, Ma Belle, Marceline Maupassant, Patrick "Fitzy" Fitzwilliams, Zeno. **Please note the following information about minor characters:** significant traits/choices they make and the purpose of their roles/influences in the book (example: how they emphasize something important about a major character or build a plot device)

(3) Significant Quotations: Please create a list of important quotations, including the speakers, the significance, and the page numbers. You should list at least 15 quotes total: 5 taken from the **beginning**, 5 from the **middle**, and 5 from the **end** of the book. **Please include page numbers for your quotes!**

(4) Significant Settings: Create a list of important settings, and explain the significance of each (There are many settings in the novel. I suggest listing no fewer than 5 and no more than 10).

(5) Symbols: Create a list of at least 5 potential symbols from the novel, and add a few sentences explaining what you think each symbol represents.

I would highly recommend that you also annotate the text as you read.

Part 3: Poetry Set Response (25 points)

Suggested Deadline: August 2, 2024

Read ALL poems on this [poetry set](#). Then, use these [guidelines](#) to select one poem to which you will write a 1-page response. Submit your poetry response on Google Classroom.