

Pre-Course Reading AP Literature 2020-2021

The summer reading for AP English consists of two parts.

- I. Poetry preparation (enrichment)
- II. Read a selection from the Most Frequently Cited Book List

I. Poetry Enrichment

The poems listed below are ones which are referenced frequently in our discussion of poetry. If you would like to get a head start, please read the poems listed below.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge	"The Rime of the Ancient Mariner"
Robert Browning	"My Last Duchess"
Edgar Allan Poe	"The Raven"
Walt Whitman	"Oh Captain, My Captain"
A.E. Housman	"To an Athlete Dying Young"
Alfred, Lord Tennyson	"The Lady of Shalott"

II. Most Frequently Cited Books on the AP Lit. Exam

Choose one of the works listed below. Be sure to annotate as you read the text. Look for important themes and literary devices. You will complete an in-class essay over the novel. We will discuss the writing activity and expectations in class.

Jane Austen	<i>Pride and Prejudice</i>
Charlotte Bronte	<i>Jane Eyre</i>
Emily Bronte	<i>Wuthering Heights</i>
Charles Dickens	<i>Great Expectations</i>
Fyodor Dostoyevsky	<i>Crime and Punishment</i>
Ralph Ellison	<i>Invisible Man</i>
Herman Melville	<i>Moby Dick</i>
Alan Paton	<i>Cry, the Beloved Country</i>
John Steinbeck	<i>East of Eden</i>
Richard Wright	<i>Native Son</i> (abridged edition; original 1940 text)

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