

Advanced Placement Literature and Composition Summer Assignment - 2024

- ❖ Students will read *Invisible Man** by Ralph Ellison and be prepared to take a deep dive and write about the novel upon return to class in September.

- ❖ AP students will get in the habit of keeping **annotations** for each work read. In these annotations, keep up a relevant dialogue that includes quotations and page references to passages. This a record of your observations, discoveries, questions, answers. Pay special attention to the author's writing style (diction/syntax), use of literary devices (foreshadowing, symbolism, allusion, imagery, irony, characterization, theme). Do not take the easy way out: if you don't know a word, sticky note it with the definition as it is used in the novel. The same for references used by Ellison (much allusion is present, so it may require a quick Google search to find out).

- ❖ **Submit your authentic, typed literary analysis , MLA format, size 12 font, minimum three pages on one of the following :**
 - What is the role of the narrator in this novel? How does it shape the text?
 - How does this novel display the narrator's quest for a sense of identity and manhood?
 - Discuss the central issue of balancing social and personal responsibility
 - Discuss the meaning of invisibility as an overarching facet of this novel.
 - How valuable are the themes of blindness, self-reliance and social responsibility?
 - Must include at least **four direct quotations** of support
 - Be sure to use **TAG** (title/author/genre) in your opening paragraph
 - Refer to the Online Writing Lab (OWL) from Purdue University
 - Plagiarism/use of AI will not be tolerated and will result in 0 and necessary disciplinary repercussion, per the Student Code of Conduct

- ❖ Read *Mythology** by Edith Hamilton. This is a quintessential read for students of literature; it serves as academic background to the many allusions used within literature. On lined paper, make brief notes for **each of the 23 sections** covered in seven categories.

Your enrollment in AP English is contingent upon satisfactory expected completion of your original work; diligent attention is required. Essay will be submitted to [turnitin.com](https://www.turnitin.com) the first day back and MLA proper formatting is expected; it constitutes a summative grade. Please email me with any concerns; I will reach out via email over the summer to add you to the Classroom.

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