



## **LENAPE VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**

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### AP ENGLISH LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION Summer Assignment 2019

First, welcome to AP Literature and Composition, a challenging, rewarding study of how to read, write and think with the depth and pace of a successful college student. The following summer assignment will count for approximately 10% of your first marking period grade. Please obtain your own copies of both works; if securing a personal copy of the text is a problem, email me as soon as you can.

1. Read and enjoy *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini. As you read, complete the accompanying graphic organizer. To write a good free response essay, you will need to recall WHO (characters), WHAT (plot/conflict), and WHEN/WHERE (settings). These elements create moments that matter or scenes. Answering WHY (theme) and HOW (style) is actually the reason for this class's existence; we will work on those together in September. You will need to access knowledge of this work upon your return to school.

2. Select an AP-worthy work of *imaginative fiction* (in the AP College Board's own words) and read it because you want to—you have heard it was worthwhile reading/a page turner/unforgettable, someone you trust/respect recommended it, you have read (and liked) other work(s) by the author, you were hooked by its title, the cover baited you, the work deals with a content/conflict/setting that interests you, the work is "new," etc. The caveat: you must choose a novel/play that you have **not yet read nor been assigned in school, nor can it be one we will read in class this year**. Before purchasing the work you plan to read, you **must** email me your choice for approval. **Failure to do so will result in a failing grade for this part of the assignment.** My email can be found below and on the school website. I will okay your choices on a first come, first served basis; no two students will read the same work. Complete the graphic organizer as you did with *The Kite Runner*.

3. Bring *The Kite Runner* and the graphic organizers to our class on the first day of school. We will incorporate them immediately into our preparation for the AP exam.

All assignments for *The Kite Runner* and your chosen work are to be done without any collaboration with other students (current or former) or other resources (these include, but are not limited to, the internet and family members). Any student who plagiarizes or collaborates with anyone else will be in violation of the honor policy outlined in the student handbook. A zero will be given for the assignment and an honor policy violation will be put into process. If you have yet to hold yourself fully accountable as a student, the time to do so is now.

Although I will not physically be at Lenape Valley after June 24, you should email me at [ckisatsky@lvhs.org](mailto:ckisatsky@lvhs.org) with your choice of work and any questions/concerns you may have. Have a wonderful summer. I look forward to working with you this coming year.

Best,

Mr. Kisatsky