

## **AP Language and Composition - Summer Reading Assignments**

In addition to the novels assigned for honors students - *The Grapes of Wrath* and *Left to Tell* - AP students read *The Catcher in the Rye*, *The Color Purple*, and *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*. All assignments are due the first week of the new school year. All assignments will be assessed with class discussion and an AP style test.

### ***The Color Purple* by Alice Walker**

### ***The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot**

As you read, remember that Walker's novel is a well-known literary work with which you should be familiar. It could appear on the AP free response portion of the test you will take in May. Each year the prompts and questions are different and the CollegeBoard supplies a list of suggested books to reference for your essay. The absence of a book from the list does not disqualify it from use, but it is a great idea to be exposed to the suggested novels.

Answer the following prompt using both *The Color Purple* and *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* as your source material. Write a traditional paper in response, with a minimum of 2 quotes from each of the books. Your paper should be at least two typed pages long and is due the first week of the new school year.

*Many works of literature contain a character who intentionally deceives others. The character's dishonesty may be intended to either help or hurt. Such a character, for example, may choose to mislead others for personal safety, to spare someone's feelings, or to carry out a crime.*

*Choose a character from the two assigned books who deceives others. Then, in a well-written essay, analyze the motives for that character's deception and discuss how the deception contributes to the meaning of the work as a whole.*

*You must link the books and the characters in some way: theme, style, language, or another creative connection you find. Remember to write a strong introduction with a thesis statement and a conclusion that wraps up your paper.*

### ***The Catcher in the Rye* by JD Salinger**

As you read, highlight or copy quotes from the novel that speak to you. You will use these quotes to create a photo essay that both summarizes and analyzes Salinger's writing. Go outside. Take pictures. Link these pictures to the quotes you chose.

- Create a PowerPoint, Prezi, Sway, or other multimedia presentation with your photos and your quotes.
- You need ten photos minimum. To prove you took the photos and uploaded them yourself, there must be one unifying item in each photo (for example, your JCA lanyard

or ID, an interesting object, your copy of the novel). Photos missing the unifying element will not count towards the required minimum. (See the examples of the Roaming Gnome below.)

- Each photo needs a caption of 2-5 sentences. This can be a direct quote or your summary or analysis of a previous quote.
- Please include an introduction slide with your name and a conclusion slide with a quote that is *not* from Salinger, but connects to the ideas Holden Caulfield discussed throughout the novel.
- The photo essay can be emailed to me any time over the summer, but it is due the first week of the new school year.

