

Colonie Central High School
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Dear Incoming AP English Literature and Composition Students and Parents:

Reading is one of the most valuable and pleasurable habits you can develop. Much of our class time together next year will be spent reading, talking and writing about what we read.

As an incoming advanced placement student, you must select any **two** of the following novels and read them over the course of the summer. Keep careful notes regarding characters, conflicts, plot structure, themes and any employed literary devices. You will be required to write an essay about both selections at the end of September.

The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
The Awakening by Kate Chopin
Beloved by Toni Morrison
Billy Budd by Herman Melville
A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway
Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad
Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte
Atonement by Ian McEwan

Advanced placement English is a challenging course. These works are indicative of the level of reading you can expect over the course of the year. Enjoy your summer! We look forward to meeting with you in September.

Sincerely,

The English Department