

ATTENTION: AP ENGLISH 4 SUMMER READING

Before you return to school in August, please read ONE of the following novels:

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison

The Bonesetter's Daughter by Amy Tan

A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini

The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver

**If you cannot get a copy of one of these texts, please contact Ms. Stoltenberg (karas@normanps.org). She has extra copies of each in her classroom, and she will do her best to get one to you.

You have no particular written assignment with your chosen novel at this time (Don't worry!—It will come later.), but in order to make this experience purposeful, please ensure you do the following in preparation for written assignments upon return:

1. **Read ACTIVELY.** Engage your mind, certainly for keeping the basics of plot and character straight, but also for questions of theme and style.
2. **Make a note of passages** that struck you, whether positively or negatively.
3. Make a **list of ideas provoked**, ones with which you agreed and by which you were excited as well as ones you found absurd.
4. **In short, read for pleasure, but also begin to read analytically.** Notice what you're reading, and most importantly, **return to school with something to say about your chosen novel.** It is expected that you have read the entire text and remember what you've read. Then you will be prepared!

The summer reading request is not meant to be a burden. Our students tell us that a head start on the reading load is a big help for time constraints during the first semester. The assignment is made with that intent—to make your life easier! We also did our best to select a diverse group of novels for you to choose from, and we hope you find a text that you'll enjoy.

We are looking forward to the upcoming year with you all!
Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions:

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Happy summer! Happy reading!